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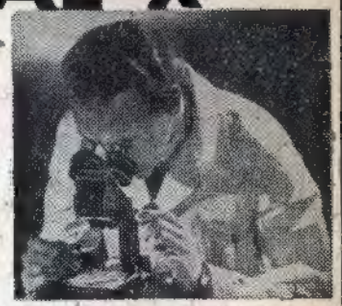

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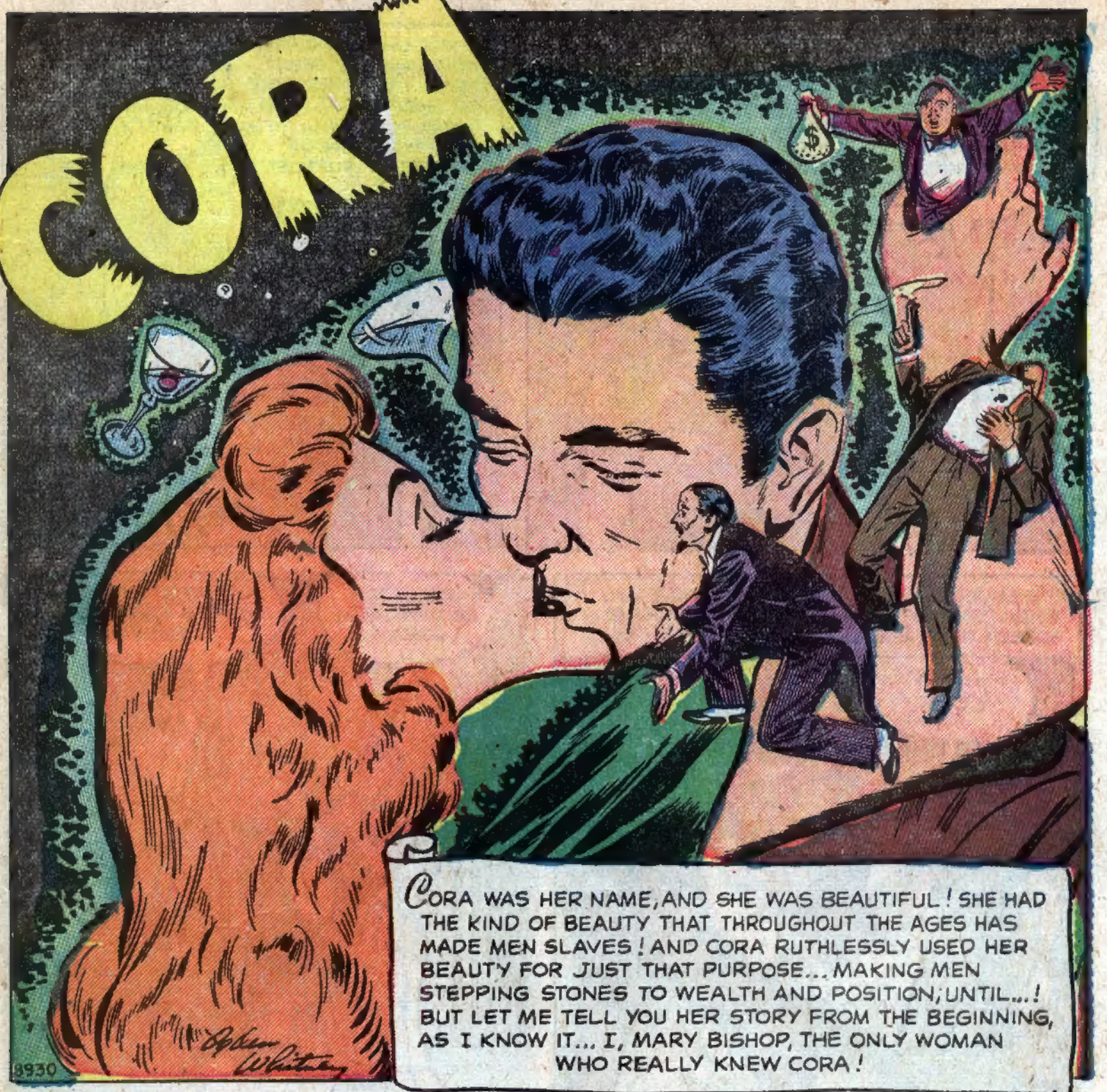
CORA
CORA WAS HER NAME, AND SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL! SHE HAD THE KIND OF BEAUTY THAT THROUGHOUT THE AGES HAS MADE MEN SLAVES! AND CORA RUTHLESSLY USED HER BEAUTY FOR JUST THAT PURPOSE... MAKING MEN STEPPING STONES TO WEALTH AND POSITION; UNTIL...! BUT LET ME TELL YOU HER STORY FROM THE BEGINNING, AS I KNOW IT... I, MARY BISHOP, THE ONLY WOMAN WHO REALLY KNEW CORA!
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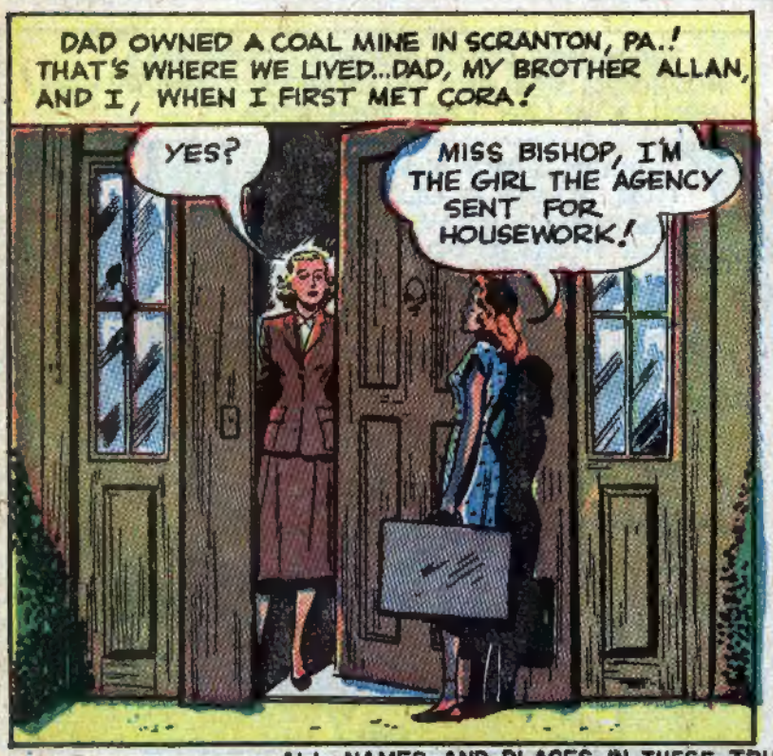
DAD OWNED A COAL MINE IN SCRANTON, PA.! THAT'S WHERE WE LIVED...DAD, MY BROTHER ALLAN, AND I, WHEN I FIRST MET CORA!
YES?
MISS BISHOP, I'M THE GIRL THE AGENCY SENT FOR HOUSEWORK!

OH! COME IN! YOU'RE AWFULLY YOUNG FOR SUCH WORK, AREN'T YOU?
I'M SIXTEEN, MISS! BUT I'M STRONG AND A HARD WORKER! MY NAME'S CORA CALHOUN!



ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS
ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THESE STORIES IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

CORA WAS A GOOD WORKER! SOON WE ALL DEPENDED ON HER!
CORA IS A JEWEL! SHE CAN COOK... SHE KEEPS THE HOUSE IMMACULATE, AND SHE'S VERY THOUGHTFUL AND CONSCIENTIOUS!
NOT TO MENTION... BEAUTIFUL!
YES, SHE IS! FUNNY HOW SO MANY GIRLS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS HAVE GOOD LOOKS! COMPENSATION OF A SORT, I SUPPOSE!
BUDDING YOUNG ENGINEERS HAVE NO TIME FOR FEMININE BEAUTY, ALLAN!
I LOVED MY BROTHER ALLAN, AND I WAS VERY FOND OF CORA, BUT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT WAS COMING!
ALLAN! CORA!
SIS, I'M IN LOVE WITH CORA!
WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
CORA AND I ARE GOING TO BE MARRIED!
RIDICULOUS! YOU'RE BOTH TOO YOUNG, AND BESIDES YOU HAVE YOUR SCHOOLING AND THEN YOUR CAREER TO THINK OF! CORA'S A NICE GIRL AND ALL THAT, BUT... BUT SHE'S NOT FOR YOU!
THERE WAS QUITE A SCENE! CORA SAID NOTHING... DAD AND ALLAN DID ALL THE TALKING! FINALLY, ALLAN LEFT WITH CORA!
MARY I WON'T HAVE THAT YOUNG FOOL RUINING HIS FUTURE! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO... I'LL TRY TO BUY CORA OFF! I WANT YOU TO COME WITH ME!

DAD AND I WENT TO CORA'S HOME .... A RUN-DOWN FLAT IN THE COAL MINERS' DISTRICT!
CORA, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
COME IN, MR. BISHOP.. I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!
DAD WASTED NO TIME!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO MARRY MY SON! IT WOULD RUIN ALL I'VE PLANNED FOR HIM! I'M PREPARED TO PAY YOU TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IF YOU'LL GIVE HIM UP!
THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY, MR. BISHOP!
WELL, WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER? OR DO YOU WANT TIME TO THINK IT OVER?
NO! I ACCEPT YOUR OFFER! I'LL GIVE ALLAN UP!
DAD GAVE HER THE CHECK, AND WE LEFT! BUT CORA CALLED ME BACK!
MARY, COULD I SEE YOU A MINUTE?
WELL ...ALL RIGHT! WAIT FOR ME IN THE CAR, DAD!
MARY, I WANT TO EXPLAIN...I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK BADLY OF ME! YOU SEE WHERE I COME FROM...HOW I LIVE! I WANT MORE THAN THIS...MUCH MORE! THE MONEY YOUR FATHER GAVE ME WILL GIVE ME A START TOWARD WHAT I WANT! BESIDES, I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH ALLAN! I LIKE HIM, BUT THAT'S ALL!
IT WOULD BE BAD FOR ALLAN IF HE MARRIED ME! THIS WAY, BOTH YOUR FATHER AND I GET WHAT WE WANT AND NO ONE'S HURT! ALLAN WILL GET OVER ME! I'M TELLING YOU THIS BECAUSE I VALUE YOUR FRIENDSHIP, MORE THAN ANYTHING!
THANKS FOR TELLING ME, CORA! I'M NOT ANGRY, REALLY! WE'LL STILL BE FRIENDS!
THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT CORA...PERHAPS IT WAS HER BEAUTY, I DON'T KNOW....BUT SOMETHING, THAT MADE YOU FORGIVE HER, NO MATTER WHAT SHE DID!
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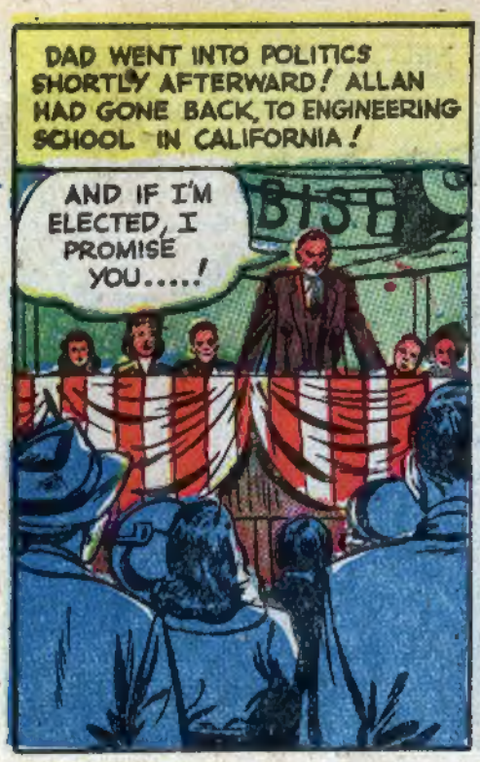
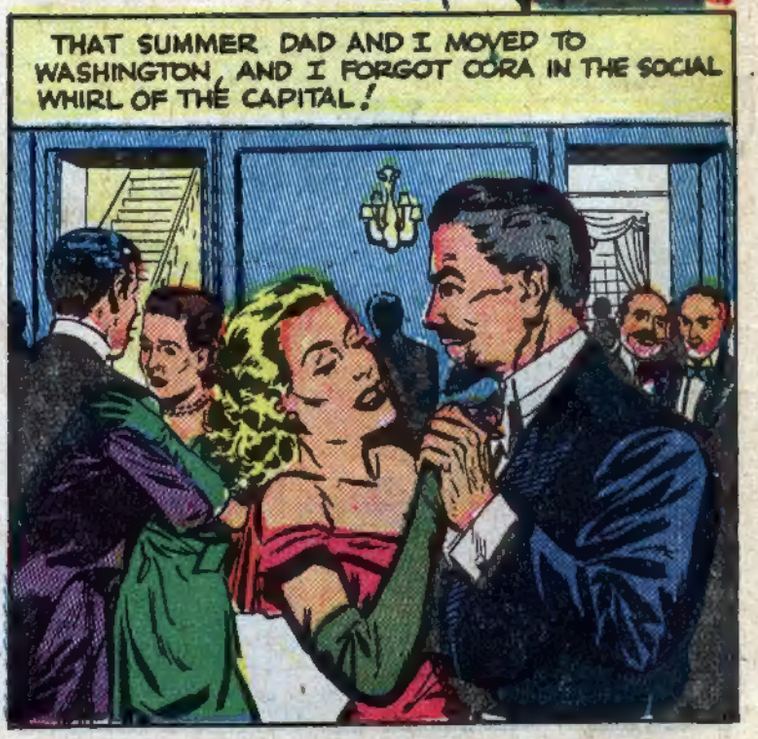
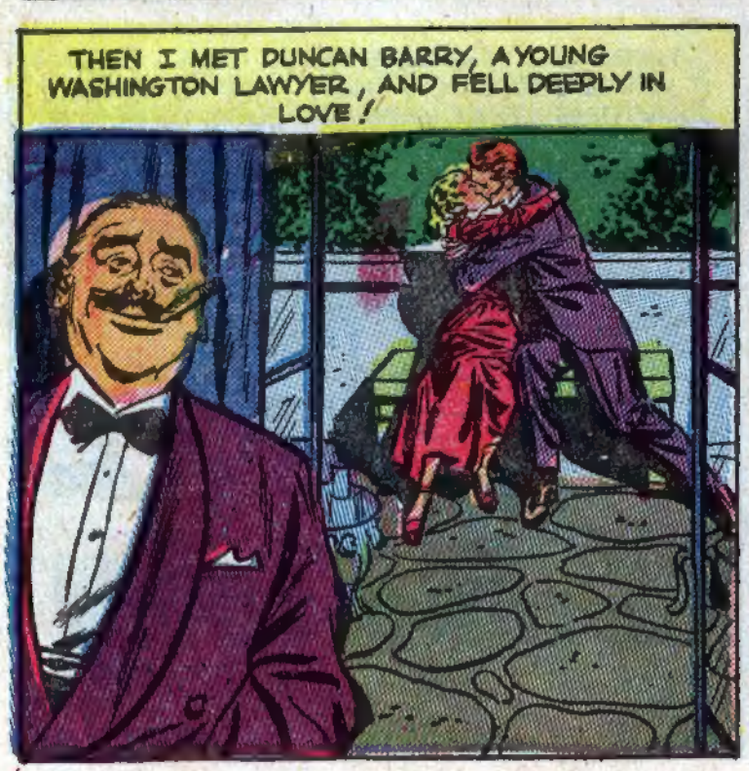

DAD WENT INTO POLITICS SHORTLY AFTERWARD! ALLAN HAD GONE BACK TO ENGINEERING SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA!
AND IF I'M ELECTED, I PROMISE YOU.....!

IT WAS SEVERAL MONTHS LATER THAT I SAW CORA AGAIN!
MARY!
WHY, CORA! I SCARCELY RECOGNIZED YOU! YOU LOOK WONDERFUL!
BUS

I HAVE AN APARTMENT OF MY OWN NOW, AND A GOOD OFFICE JOB! I'VE BEEN GOING TO NIGHT SCHOOL, LEARNING DRESS DESIGNING, TOO!
IT ALL SOUNDS WONDERFUL! COME AND SEE ME SOMETIME!

I WATCHED HER AS SHE WALKED AWAY, AND IN MY HEART A SPARK OF ENVY KINDLED....ENVY FOR HER BEAUTY AND GRACE, AND HER ATTRACTIVENESS TO MEN! EVERY MAN'S HEAD TURNED TO LOOK AT CORA WHEN SHE PASSED BY! I GUESS ALL HER LIFE OTHER WOMEN HAD ENVIED CORA, AND I WAS NO EXCEPTION!


THAT SUMMER DAD AND I MOVED TO WASHINGTON, AND I FORGOT CORA IN THE SOCIAL WHIRL OF THE CAPITAL!


THEN I MET DUNCAN BARRY, A YOUNG WASHINGTON LAWYER, AND FELL DEEPLY IN LOVE!

THAT WINTER WAS A SAD ONE! DAD SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK, AND DIED!

TWO DAYS LATER, THE DOORBELL RANG! IT WAS CORA!

MARY, I READ ABOUT YOUR FATHER! I THOUGHT PERHAPS YOU'D NEED A FRIEND TO HELP YOU!

OH, CORA, THAT WAS SO THOUGHTFUL OF YOU! COME IN... COME IN!

SO CORA MOVED IN WITH ME.....AND MET DUNCAN...!

TO THE TWO MOST WONDERFUL LADIES IN WASHINGTON! MARY, THE SWEETEST, AND CORA, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL!

AND THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED! AT THE BEGINNING, DUNCAN BEGAN TO BREAK DATES WITH ME!

I'M SORRY I CAN'T MAKE IT, MARY! BUSINESS, YOU KNOW! I'LL CALL YOU TOMORROW, DEAR!

ALL RIGHT, DUNCAN!

THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN I HAD VISUAL PROOF OF THE THING I HAD FEARED! IT WAS LIKE SEEING A PAGE FROM THE PAST, ONLY THIS TIME IT WAS DUNCAN, THE MAN I LOVED, INSTEAD OF MY BROTHER!

I STOLE AWAY, HURT AND BETRAYED! LATER, CORA CAME TO MY ROOM!

MARY, I KNOW YOU SAW DUNCAN AND ME! I'M SORRY...TERRIBLY SORRY! ALL I CAN SAY IS I'M GIVING DUNCAN UP....IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

I HAVEN'T ANY MONEY TO PAY YOU LIKE DAD DID!

DON'T BE BITTER, MARY! DUNCAN WILL COME BACK TO YOU! THROUGH HIM I'VE MET MANY IMPORTANT PEOPLE... PEOPLE I'VE WANTED TO MEET!

SO YOU DON'T NEED DUNCAN ANY MORE! YOU USED HIM LIKE YOU USED EVERYBODY! CORA, WHAT ARE YOU AFTER....WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANT *MONEY*...*LOTS OF IT!* AND *POWER!* SOMEDAY I'LL MEET THE MAN THAT CAN GIVE THEM TO ME....AND I'LL MARRY HIM! I WANT PEOPLE TO LOOK UP TO ME....TO ENVY ME....TO BE AFRAID OF ME! THAT'S WHAT I WANT...AND I'LL SETTLE FOR NOTHING LESS!

CORA MOVED OUT, AND DUNCAN CAME BACK TO ME!

CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME, DARLING? I PROMISE YOU, I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON! I THOUGHT I WAS IN LOVE WITH CORA, BUT SHE ISN'T MADE FOR LOVE! I'M SO TERRIBLY SORRY...!

DON'T BE SORRY! WHERE CORA'S CONCERNED, I CAN UNDERSTAND! I FORGIVE YOU! NOW LET'S FORGET ABOUT CORA!

BUT CORA COULDN'T BE FORGOTTEN! SHE HAD BECOME **THE** HOSTESS IN WASHINGTON! AT HER COCKTAIL PARTIES, MEN WERE MADE AND BROKEN POLITICALLY!

A SMART WOMAN...AS BRAINY AS SHE IS BEAUTIFUL!

AND THERE WAS A SUCCESSION OF MEN IN CORA'S LIFE, NOW! IMPORTANT MEN, WHOM SHE USED AS STEPPING STONES TOWARD HER GOAL! THERE WAS CARLOS ROMEROS, A SOUTH AMERICAN DIPLOMAT, WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE WHEN SHE BROKE WITH HIM!

DAILY STAR

FOREIGN DIPLOMA

SUICIDE

CARLOS ROMEROS KILLS SELF OVER BEAUTY

AND JOHN CALLEN, PROMISING YOUNG SENATOR.... AND MANY MORE!

THEN CORA MET HUGH TALBOT, A MILLIONAIRE BACHELOR, AND ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL POLITICAL FIGURES IN THE LAND! CORA HAD AT LAST REACHED HER GOAL!

YOU RUN DOWN TO THE STABLES, DARLING! I HAVE A CALL TO MAKE! I'LL JOIN YOU IN A MINUTE! ASK BILL TO SHOW YOU AROUND...HE'S MY TRAINER!

CORA WENT TO THE STABLES....AND MET BILL!

WELL! I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE A GODDESS HERE! I'M BILL RISKO, AND IF THERE'S ANY LITTLE THING YOU WANT ME TO DO...SUCH AS A MURDER OR TWO...JUST SAY THE WORD, AND I'M AT YOUR SERVICE!

THAT'S QUITE A LINE, BILL! I'M CORA, A FRIEND OF YOUR BOSS! YOU'RE TO SHOW ME AROUND!

CORA AND BILL FOUND A KINSHIP BETWEEN THEM! BOTH WERE AMBITIOUS...

CORA, I KNOW HOW THE BOSS FEELS ABOUT YOU! LOOK, I WANT TO GET INTO POLITICS, AND HE CAN SHOVE ME RIGHT TO THE TOP.... IF YOU ASKED HIM TO GIVE ME A BREAK! WILL YOU DO IT?

ALL RIGHT, BILL....I WILL!

IT WAS AT A BIG PARTY THAT HUGH HELD FOR CORA, THAT SHE BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF BILL'S AMBITIONS!

ALL RIGHT, CORA, I'LL SET BILL UP IN POLITICS! I'M DOING IT ONLY FOR YOU! AFTER THE PARTY'S OVER I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION TO ASK YOU, MY DEAR!

HE'S GOING TO PROPOSE! THIS IS IT... THIS IS WHAT I'VE WANTED ALL MY LIFE!

SHE WENT TO BILL, THEN, TO TELL HIM THE GOOD NEWS!

BILL, I SPOKE TO HUGH! HE'S GOING TO DO IT!

CORA, YOU'RE WONDERFUL, BEAUTIFUL, AND I LOVE YOU!

SUDDENLY SHE WAS IN HIS ARMS, HIS LIPS PRESSED TO HERS...AND CORA WAS LOST! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE, CORA WAS MADLY, PASSIONATELY IN LOVE..!

OH, MY DARLING, MY DARLING...!

CORA.... DEAREST...!

LATER, SHE WENT BACK TO THE PARTY! ALL THE GUESTS HAD GONE, AND HUGH WAS WAITING FOR HER!

CORA, DEAR, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! WAITING TO ASK YOU THAT BIG QUESTION I MENTIONED! DARLING, I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME!

NO, HUGH, I CAN'T! I THOUGHT THAT MARRIAGE TO YOU WAS THE THING I WANTED MOST IN THIS WORLD! BUT I WAS WRONG! HUGH, I LOVE SOMEONE ELSE! I CAN'T MARRY YOU!

AND SHE WENT BACK TO BILL AND TOLD HIM!

YOU FOOL! YOU COULD SPOIL EVERYTHING! IF THE BOSS KNOWS IT'S ME YOU GAVE HIM THE AIR FOR HE'LL RUIN ME! YOU DID ME A FAVOR, BUT I CAN'T MARRY YOU...I'M JUST GETTING STARTED...!

THIS IS ALMOST... ALMOST FUNNY! I GAVE UP EVERYTHING I'VE WORKED FOR ALL MY LIFE...FOR YOU! AND YOU...YOU JUST USED ME, AS YOU'LL USE OTHER WOMEN TO GAIN YOUR OWN ENDS!

I KNOW! YOU WANT MONEY...POWER! YOU WANT PEOPLE TO LOOK UP TO YOU...TO ENVY YOU...TO BE AFRAID OF YOU...AND YOU'LL SETTLE FOR NOTHING LESS! I KNOW YOU BECAUSE I KNOW MYSELF...AND I HOPE IN THE END YOUR HOUSE OF CARDS COMES TUMBLING DOWN AROUND YOU AS MINE HAS!

THE YEARS HAVE PASSED! DUNCAN AND I ARE MARRIED, HAVE GREAT HAPPINESS AND A FAMILY! DUNCAN HAS BECOME WEALTHY AND POLITICALLY POWERFUL! CORA? WELL, HUGH TALBOT SAW TO IT THAT SHE FADED FROM THE WASHINGTON SCENE! SHE OPENED A LITTLE DRESS SHOP! NO, SHE NEVER MARRIED...SHE'S AN OLD MAID! I DON'T ENVY CORA ANY MORE!

The End

# LOVE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

THAT day, as usual, I was watching the hands of the clock creep toward noon. When they reached it, my hands were washed, my desk was in order, and my card was poised over the time clock. I simply *had* to get to that auction on time. Once I had been a moment late and had seen a wonderful old student lamp go to someone else for eight dollars and fifty cents . . .

Some girls' dreams are wrapped up in their hope chests, in old linen and embroidered laces. I didn't care for those things; I loved furniture. In my dream house, which was blueprinted in my mind down to the last detail, each piece was in place, and each piece had been bought for a less-than-reasonable price at Hootkin's Auction Rooms.

I had wandered into Hootkin's one Saturday afternoon, one lonely Saturday afternoon, purely by chance. I was a girl who worked in an office, one of thousands, and my ideas concerning romance were vague, hardly formulated. Yet that day that I walked into Hootkin's and saw the auctioneer disposing of a handsome Colonial secretary for a sum that was decidedly within my budget, I had known, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that this was to be my hope chest—these beautiful antiques would be the basis of my dreams.

And some day The Man would come along. I pictured him as tall and handsome, the type that headwaiters always bow to—and the furnishings of our house would be all ready, and all exquisite! I spent most of my evenings refinishing the pieces that needed it, or polishing the already highly polished benches and tables. And each Saturday I hurried to Hootkin's to pick up more prizes. I already had, stored in a warehouse, most of the pieces that fitted into my plan, and now all I needed were a few things, particularly a good clock, to make it complete . . .

That particular day, Hootkin's was crowded. My heart sank as I saw that dreadful young man was there again. He was a thorn in my flesh! Tall and sandy-haired, with a sardonic grin which he loved to turn in my direction, this man had beat me out of a wonderful bargain two weeks before on a tavern table, and the week before on a grandfather clock that I had positively had my heart set on! I hated him, and my one desire, beyond getting these wonderful antiques, was to get even with him, somehow.

"I have here a wonderful banjo clock!" Mr. Hootkin was intoning as I entered. My heart quickened as I thought swiftly. Let's see, a banjo clock? That would almost make up for that grandfather clock I liked so much that he got! There was no time to examine the piece, but from where I stood, it looked good.

"Fifty cents!" I called. Everyone always started with fifty cents.

As I had half expected, I heard *his* voice, but what he was saying surprised me.

"Eighteen dollars!" he called. What a peculiar sum to pick on, I thought. But I was willing to go a little higher than that.

"Nineteen!"

I couldn't help glancing at him. Obviously now it was a battle between the two of us. He grinned at me in that infuriating fashion.

"Thirty!" he said.

I was livid. He must be a dealer, I thought, or he must work for a dealer and not care how much he spends! But it's not fair to us amateurs! I simply couldn't help myself; I was so furious that I became determined that whatever it cost me I wouldn't let him have that clock!

"Fifty dollars!" I shouted, my face going pink. Let him see that I was angry, I didn't care! But the next thing I heard stopped me in my tracks.

"One hundred dollars."

He didn't shout it; he just stood there calmly and said it. I don't think I've ever been so enraged in my life. His eyes were on me, his eyebrows lifted quizzically, waiting for my next move. I glared at him as venomously as possible and headed for the door. I couldn't take any more of this malicious double-dealing, I was thinking.

I didn't care if I ever got another antique; I wasn't going to put up with this!

Suddenly a strong hand grasped my arm. And as I whirled around, I realized that I had been standing on the sidewalk looking in Hootkin's window, half-consciously admiring a cherrywood table that would never be mine, now that I'd sworn off antique-hunting. I was still so angry that I could hardly speak, but when I saw that it was He, the object of my bruised feelings, I managed a word or two.

"Oh, you, you . . .!" I sputtered. "I really wanted that clock! It doesn't matter to you, and naturally you have all the money in the world to throw

CONTINUED AFTER NEXT STORY...

# Skinny Girls Don't Have OOMPH!

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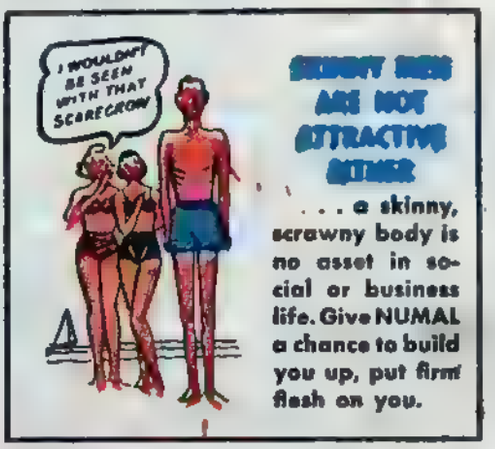
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# GOOD-TIME GAL!

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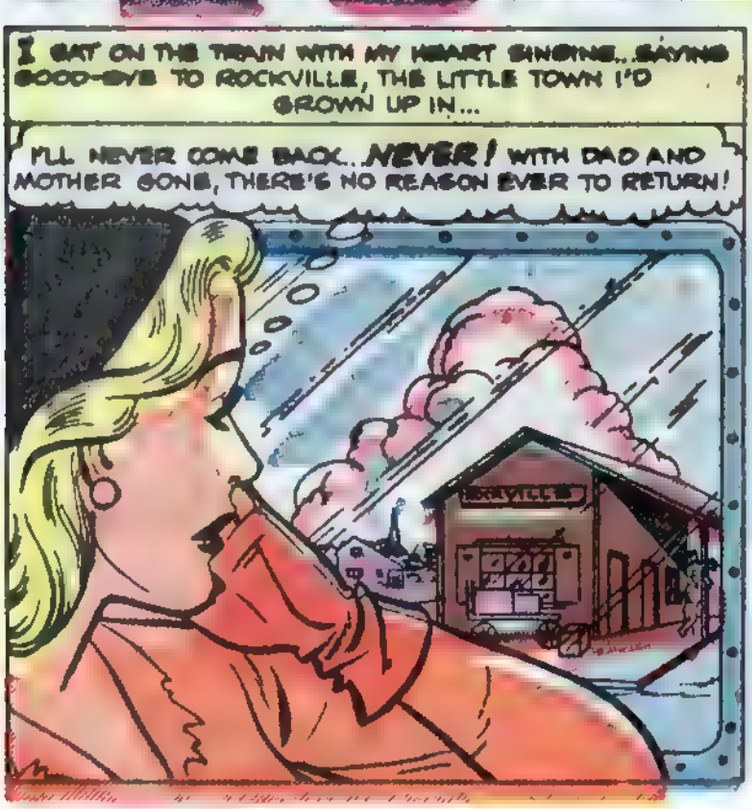
I SAT ON THE TRAIN WITH MY HEART SINGING...SAYING GOOD-BYE TO ROCKVILLE, THE LITTLE TOWN I'D GROWN UP IN...
I'LL NEVER COME BACK...NEVER! WITH DAD AND MOTHER GONE, THERE'S NO REASON EVER TO RETURN!

I'VE ALWAYS HATED IT... ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO A BIG CITY... WHERE I COULD FIND HAPPINESS! IT WAS WONDERFUL OF NAN TO ASK ME TO COME TO NEW YORK!

NAN KELLER WAS FROM ROCKVILLE, TOO! WE HAD GONE TO SCHOOL TOGETHER, THEN NAN HAD GONE TO NEW YORK! I TOOK OUT HER LETTER AND READ IT AGAIN!

Dear Claire — Just heard the sad news about your mother and dad passing away! Why don't you come to New York and stay with me, now that there's nothing to keep you in Rockville? I can get you a job and ... you to ...

Miss Claire Kellar 1103 E 86th Street New York 77, N.Y.

IT'S ALL GOING TO BE SO WONDERFUL! I KNOW THAT SOMEPLACE, SOMETIME IN THE CITY, I'LL MEET A MAN ... THE KIND OF A MAN A GIRL DREAMS ABOUT!

BUT I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE! I'LL HAVE TO STOP BEING A SMALL TOWN GIRL! MEN IN THE CITY LIKE GIRLS TO BE SOPHISTICATED, LIKE THEMSELVES... GIRLS WITH WHOM THEY CAN HAVE A GOOD TIME... NOT COUNTRY GIRL STICK-IN-THE-MUDS!

SO I DREAMED MY DREAMS AS THE TRAIN SPED ON TOWARD THE GRAND CENTRAL STATION AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE FOR ME!

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WE WENT THRU THE TUNNEL AND THEN WE WERE IN THE STATION! AS I WALKED UP THE RAMP, I COULD SCARCELY KEEP FROM DANCING WITH EXCITEMENT! THEN I SAW NAN!

NAN!

DARLING! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!

TRACK 1000

OH, NAN, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT YOUR LETTER MEANT TO ME! TO GET OUT OF THAT NASTY LITTLE TOWN..!

OH, YES! I DO KNOW! DON'T FORGET, I CAME FROM THAT "NASTY LITTLE TOWN", TOO!

FIRST WE'LL GET YOU SETTLED! THEN I'LL GET YOU A JOB IN MY OFFICE... INTRODUCE YOU TO PEOPLE..!

OH, NAN, IT... IT SOUNDS SO WONDERFUL!.. SO EXCITING!

NAN HAD A SMALL APARTMENT WHICH I WAS TO SHARE WITH HER!
IT'S SMALL, BUT BIG ENOUGH FOR THE TWO OF US! THE KITCHENETTE'S IN HERE! I'LL MAKE SOME TEA AND WE CAN TALK!
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL APARTMENT, NAN!
Y'KNOW, CLAIRE, YOU WERE MY BEST FRIEND BACK IN ROCKVILLE! THAT'S WHY I WANTED YOU TO COME TO NEW YORK... TO GET AWAY FROM THAT STUFFY TOWN AND MEET SOME REAL PEOPLE ... MEN, ESPECIALLY!
YOU CAN WEAR SOME OF MY CLOTHES UNTIL WE CAN GET YOU SOME NEW THINGS THAT DON'T SMELL OF ROCKVILLE! TOMORROW I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE OFFICE AND GET YOU A JOB... THERE'S AN OPENING THERE!
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU FOR THIS, NAN! IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!
I GOT THE JOB IN NAN'S OFFICE..!
DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT HERE COMES HOWIE! GIVE HIM THE BRUSH, HONEY... HE'S A WOLF IN SHEEP CLOTHING!
AND NAN INTRODUCED ME TO SOME NICE PEOPLE..!
ROGER, THIS IS CLAIRE!
A LOVELY NAME FOR A LOVELY GIRL!
WHY, THANK YOU, ROGER!
IT WAS LATER THAT EVENING THAT ROGER ASKED TO SEE ME HOME!
BUT, NAN?..
OH, NAN WILL GET HOME ALRIGHT... JIMMY COLES WILL SEE TO THAT! COME ON, CLAIRE!
ROGER TOOK ME TO THE DOOR OF OUR APARTMENT BUILDING, THEN FOLLOWED ME INTO THE FOYER!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK ME UP FOR A NIGHTCAP?
OH, I COULDN'T DO THAT, ROGER! NAN WILL BE HOME SOON, AND..!

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# MEN! WOMEN! take orders for famous NYLONS GUARANTEED 9 mos.

ONLY YOUR SPARE TIME NEEDED

## Look at these Exceptional FIRST WEEK EARNINGS

Space permits mentioning only these few exceptional cases, but they give you an idea of the BIG MONEY that is possible in this business starting the very first week.

Mr. E. L. Lippard, Texas — $69.32 first week
Mr. Clarence Bunn, New York — $41.24 first week
Mr. Ralph Shearer, Ky. — $67.11 first week
Mr. Horatio de LaRoche, Cal. — $68.84 first week
Mr. Boyd Shaw, Tenn. — $53.48 first week
Mr. W. F. Gardner, N. C. — $63.40 first week

Mrs. Arnold Junge, Mich. — $64.68 first week
Mrs. Fred Pillath, Jr., Wis. — $41.82 first week
Mrs. Morton House, Ga. — $48.82 first week
Mrs. Hazel McClean, Ill. — $40.35 first week
Mrs. Pearl Elvert, Minn. — $63.87 first week
Mrs. Pete Dickson, Ohio — $81.32 first week

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"Naturally I was honored winning a new car and I am happy to have won the car in two months when we had a whole year to win it in. My commission for two months totaled $1,007.60. I have earned as much as $50.00 a day and $30.00 to $40.00 a day commissions have not been unusual. It is a high privilege and I may say an honor to represent the Wilknit Hosiery Co."

*Frank C. Schulz*

## NYLONS GUARANTEED NINE MONTHS

Sensational Guarantee is creating a tremendous demand for Wilknit Nylons! Mrs. Robert Franklin of Ohio started out with me and made $56.00 the very first week. Mr. Cadman, of Rhode Island, did even better. His first week's earnings amounted to $69.37. Mrs. R. E. Page of Massachussetts chalked up $177.94 worth of orders first week out. These exceptional earnings give you an idea of possibilities.

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## FUR COAT ALSO GIVEN!

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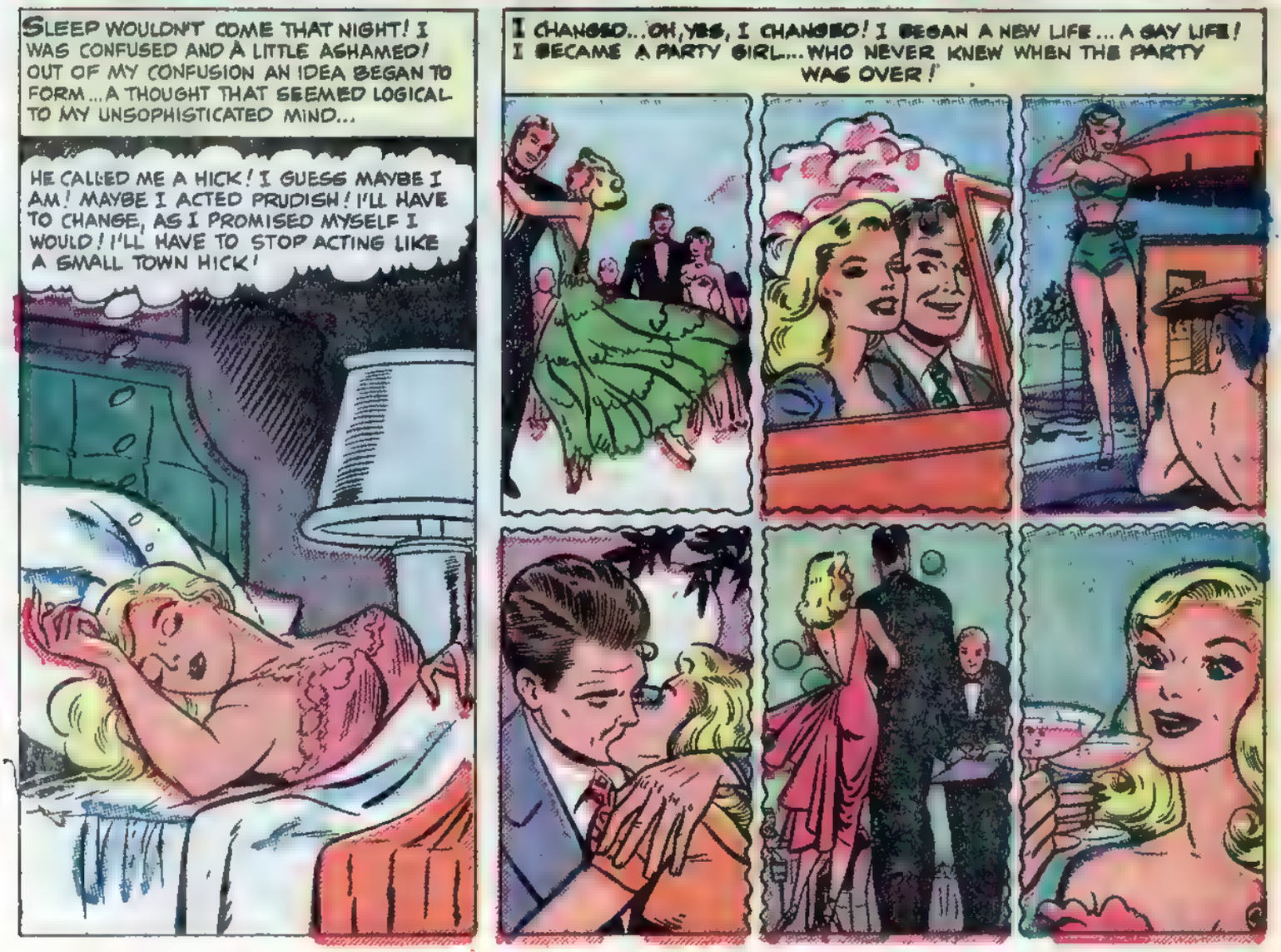
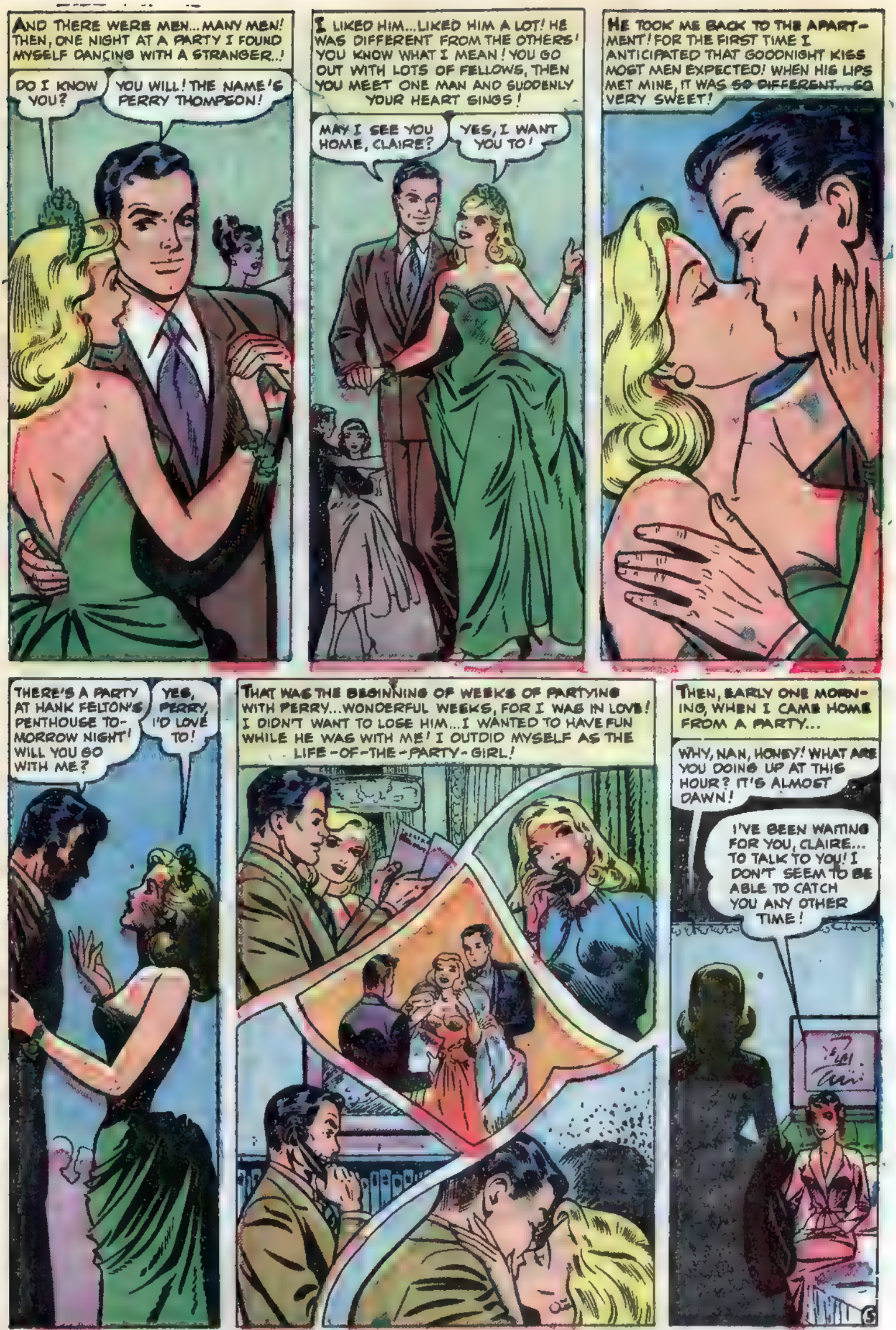
OH, PLEASE ...SOMEONE MIGHT SEE US!
STOP! STOP IT, DO YOU HEAR? LET ME GO!
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR, YOU...YOU..!
I TOOK YOU FOR A WOMAN, NOT A LITTLE COUNTRY HICK! GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD-BYE!


SLEEP WOULDN'T COME THAT NIGHT! I WAS CONFUSED AND A LITTLE ASHAMED! OUT OF MY CONFUSION AN IDEA BEGAN TO FORM...A THOUGHT THAT SEEMED LOGICAL TO MY UNSOPHISTICATED MIND...
HE CALLED ME A HICK! I GUESS MAYBE I AM! MAYBE I ACTED PRUDISH! I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE, AS I PROMISED MYSELF I WOULD! I'LL HAVE TO STOP ACTING LIKE A SMALL TOWN HICK!
I CHANGED...OH, YES, I CHANGED! I BEGAN A NEW LIFE...A GAY LIFE! I BECAME A PARTY GIRL...WHO NEVER KNEW WHEN THE PARTY WAS OVER!


AND THERE WERE MEN... MANY MEN! THEN, ONE NIGHT AT A PARTY I FOUND MYSELF DANCING WITH A STRANGER..!
DO I KNOW YOU?
YOU WILL! THE NAME'S PERRY THOMPSON!
I LIKED HIM...LIKED HIM A LOT! HE WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS! YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN! YOU GO OUT WITH LOTS OF FELLOWS, THEN YOU MEET ONE MAN AND SUDDENLY YOUR HEART SINGS!
MAY I SEE YOU HOME, CLAIRE?
YES, I WANT YOU TO!
HE TOOK ME BACK TO THE APARTMENT! FOR THE FIRST TIME I ANTICIPATED THAT GOODNIGHT KISS MOST MEN EXPECTED! WHEN HIS LIPS MET MINE, IT WAS SO DIFFERENT...SO VERY SWEET!
THERE'S A PARTY AT HANK FELTON'S PENTHOUSE TOMORROW NIGHT! WILL YOU GO WITH ME?
YES, PERRY, I'D LOVE TO!
THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF WEEKS OF PARTYING WITH PERRY...WONDERFUL WEEKS, FOR I WAS IN LOVE! I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE HIM...I WANTED TO HAVE FUN WHILE HE WAS WITH ME! I OUTDID MYSELF AS THE LIFE-OF-THE-PARTY-GIRL!
THEN, EARLY ONE MORNING, WHEN I CAME HOME FROM A PARTY...
WHY, NAN, HONEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP AT THIS HOUR? IT'S ALMOST DAWN!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, CLAIRE... TO TALK TO YOU! I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO CATCH YOU ANY OTHER TIME!
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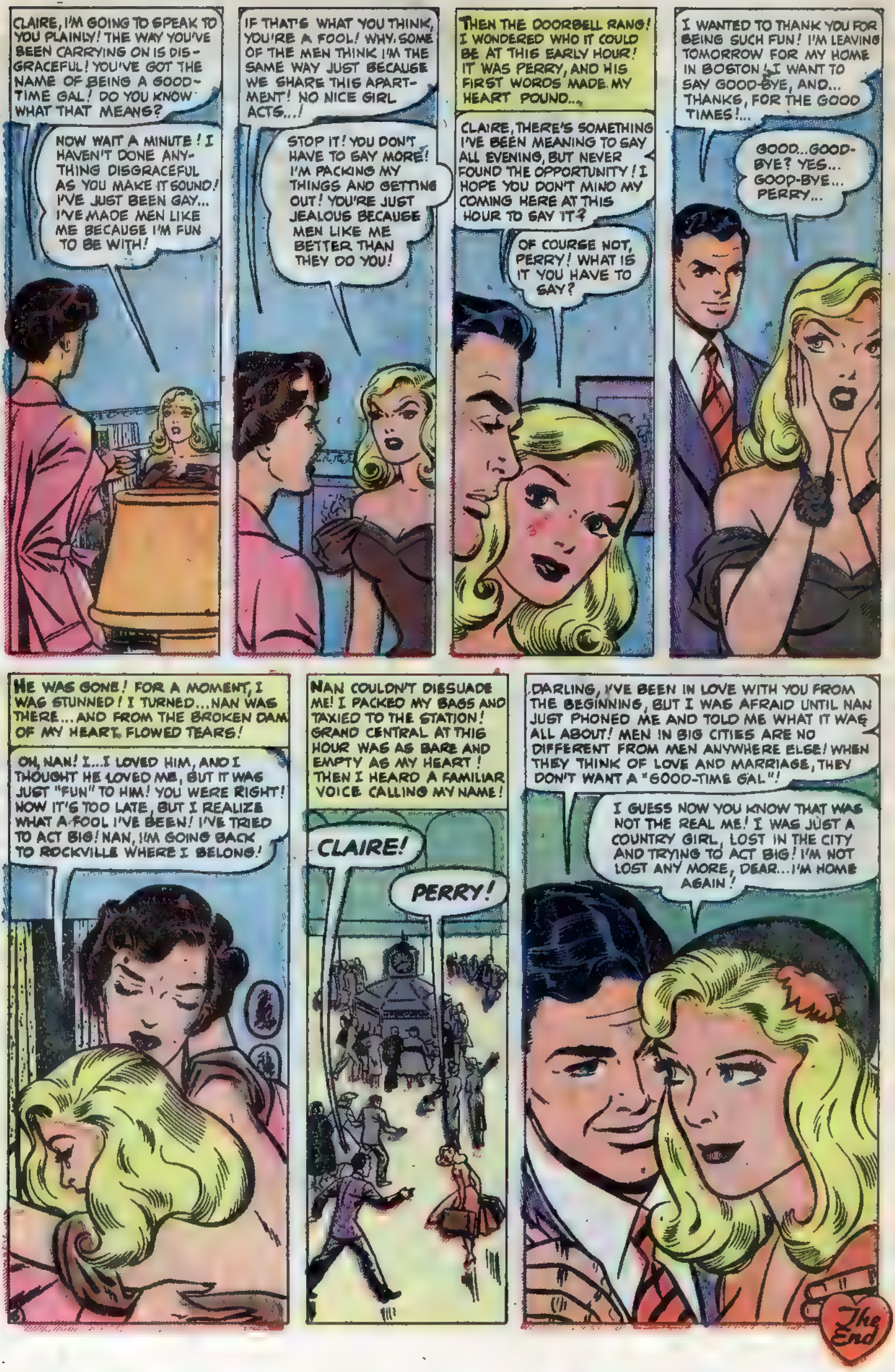
CLAIRE, I'M GOING TO SPEAK TO YOU PLAINLY! THE WAY YOU'VE BEEN CARRYING ON IS DISGRACEFUL! YOU'VE GOT THE NAME OF BEING A GOOD-TIME GAL! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
NOW WAIT A MINUTE! I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING DISGRACEFUL AS YOU MAKE IT SOUND! I'VE JUST BEEN GAY... I'VE MADE MEN LIKE ME BECAUSE I'M FUN TO BE WITH!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, YOU'RE A FOOL! WHY, SOME OF THE MEN THINK I'M THE SAME WAY JUST BECAUSE WE SHARE THIS APARTMENT! NO NICE GIRL ACTS...!
STOP IT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY MORE! I'M PACKING MY THINGS AND GETTING OUT! YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE MEN LIKE ME BETTER THAN THEY DO YOU!
THEN THE DOORBELL RANG! I WONDERED WHO IT COULD BE AT THIS EARLY HOUR! IT WAS PERRY, AND HIS FIRST WORDS MADE MY HEART POUND...
CLAIRE, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO SAY ALL EVENING, BUT NEVER FOUND THE OPPORTUNITY! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY COMING HERE AT THIS HOUR TO SAY IT?
OF COURSE NOT, PERRY! WHAT IS IT YOU HAVE TO SAY?
I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH FUN! I'M LEAVING TOMORROW FOR MY HOME IN BOSTON! I WANT TO SAY GOOD-BYE, AND... THANKS, FOR THE GOOD TIMES!...
GOOD...GOOD-BYE? YES... GOOD-BYE... PERRY...
HE WAS GONE! FOR A MOMENT, I WAS STUNNED! I TURNED...NAN WAS THERE...AND FROM THE BROKEN DAM OF MY HEART, FLOWED TEARS!
OH, NAN! I...I LOVED HIM, AND I THOUGHT HE LOVED ME, BUT IT WAS JUST "FUN" TO HIM! YOU WERE RIGHT! NOW IT'S TOO LATE, BUT I REALIZE WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! I'VE TRIED TO ACT BIG! NAN, I'M GOING BACK TO ROCKVILLE WHERE I BELONG!
NAN COULDN'T DISSUADE ME! I PACKED MY BAGS AND TAXIED TO THE STATION! GRAND CENTRAL AT THIS HOUR WAS AS BARE AND EMPTY AS MY HEART! THEN I HEARD A FAMILIAR VOICE CALLING MY NAME!
CLAIRE!
PERRY!
DARLING, I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU FROM THE BEGINNING, BUT I WAS AFRAID UNTIL NAN JUST PHONED ME AND TOLD ME WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT! MEN IN BIG CITIES ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM MEN ANYWHERE ELSE! WHEN THEY THINK OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE, THEY DON'T WANT A "GOOD-TIME GAL"!
I GUESS NOW YOU KNOW THAT WAS NOT THE REAL ME! I WAS JUST A COUNTRY GIRL, LOST IN THE CITY AND TRYING TO ACT BIG! I'M NOT LOST ANY MORE, DEAR...I'M HOME AGAIN!
The End

# Sensational New Scientifically Designed Patent Pend. BRAS for LARGE • MEDIUM • SMALL BUSTS

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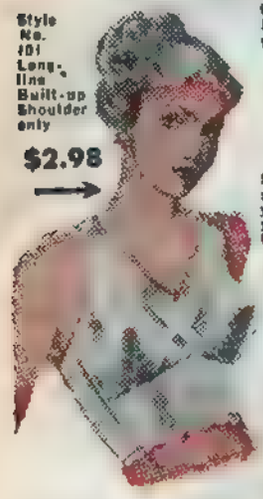
## LARGE BUST

SIZES 34 TO 52



Style No. 401 Long-line Built-up Shoulder only **$2.98**

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**COLORS NUDE, WHITE BLACK**

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**SECRET INSIDE CONTROL**

Helps correct your individual large bust problem!

Illustrated are some of the large bust types who can be helped.

Special patent pend bust molding feature on inside of all "Yuth-Bust" styles, lifts, supports and cups large busts into the smaller youthful alluring shape you want whether they are extra large, spread out or sagging.

**One of Our Many Satisfied Customers Below Says**

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—Mrs. B. Hauft. Norwalk, Conn.

Style No. 202 Adjustable Shoulder Strap Bra only **$2.98.**

**BEFORE** Mrs. Hauft wore the "Yuth-Bust" Bra, she looked tired older, matronly and heavier because of her large, spread out bust.

Style No. 303 Bandeau Adjustable Strap Bra only **$2.75.**

**AFTER** she wore "Yuth-Bust" Bra her glamorous bustline permitted her to wear youthful smart style clothes and go places with her husband.

Style No. 404 Bandeau Built-up Shoulder Bra only **$2.75.**

## MEDIUM BUST

SIZES 32 TO 42

New Patent Pend. constructed "Glamour-Form" bra corrects medium bust problems in a jiffy!

**COLORS—NUDE, WHITE, BLUE, BLACK**

You rarely see a woman with an average size bust which is naturally perfect. That is because a woman's breast muscles and tissues break down leaving your bust shaped with one or more problems that should be overcome. Your medium bust may be too flatly spread out, or it may sag too much or it may have lost its firmness and roundness. Your ordinary bra is not designed to correct your individual bust problem. For this reason a famous bust culture stylist designed the "Glamour-Form" Bra to specifically correct the medium size bust problems. Does wonders for your figure in any outfit you wear—like no other bra! Gorgeous, wonderful quality fabric that washes like a dream! Simple adjustable shoulder straps and adjustable elastic back closing. Only.

STYLE No. 505

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**INNER BRA BUST BEAUTIFIER** which does marvels for your individual medium bust problems.

Here's Another Satisfied Customer Below who says, "I can't thank you enough for my "Glamour-Form" Bra. Your inside feature does more for my bustline than any other bra I ever wore."

—Miss J. Ward. Birmingham, Michigan.

**PICTURED HERE** are some of the Medium Bust types who can be helped.

**BEFORE** Miss Ward wore the "Glamour-Form" Bra, her unattractive bustline gave her clothes a "baggy" look. She looked unappealing and was rarely invited out.

**Famous bust culture** stylist created this wonder-like feature underneath the bra. It instantly flatters and accentuates the average size bust, gives them a firm uplift, roundness, and highness no matter whether your medium size bust sags too much, or is too flatly spread out, or is not firm or round enough.

**AFTER** she wore the "Glamour-Form" Bra for her average size bust. Her bewitching bustline made her clothes fit her like a movie star. She now sparkles with personality and is socially popular.

## SMALL BUST

No. 78

SIZES 28 TO 38

Special Design "Up-and-Out" Bra gives You a Fuller, Alluring Bustline Instantly!

**NO PADS!**

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Profile View of Hidden Feature in Bra which does wonders for your individual small, flat bust problem.

**Illustrated are some types who can be helped**

This special patent pending bust molding feature on inside of bra lifts, supports and cups your busts NO MATTER WHETHER THEY ARE SMALL, FLAT, OR SAGGING, into Fuller, Well-Rounded "Up-and-Out" curves like "magic instantly"

***One of Our Many Satisfied Customers Below Says:***

***"... It's amazing how its special feature gives my bustline real glamour."***

***—Miss Doris Harris. Pittsboro, Kansas***

**BEFORE** Miss Harris wore the "Up and-Out" Bra, she was flat, unshapely, and shy.

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around. You don't care about it, but you just love beating people out of things, particularly *me*, and particularly that clock . . .!"

"That's what I wanted to speak to you about," he said, grinning. And with a flourish he brought out from behind his back the banjo clock, the one I'd been bidding on. I could hardly believe my eyes, but then I recovered my indignation.

"Oh, you've come to gloat, have you?" I scowled at him. "I think that's the lowest thing I ever heard—why . . ."

"No," he said, obviously amused. "I came to give it to you! Here!" He laid it in my hands. "I want you to have it," he said.

I was speechless.

"Please," he said, taking my arm. "Let's talk about it in some less public spot."

Against my will, I was piloted down the street, my protests unheeded, into a basement restaurant.

"Now, just sit down," his soft voice was soothing, and still against my will I slid into a seat. I decided to start all over, to pretend that he was a rational human being, and maybe that way I could figure the whole thing out. He sat down across from me, and smiled.

"All right," I said quietly. "Now let's have it! Who the dickens are you, and why did you give me this clock?" I found I was still clutching it to me. ". . . And what am I doing here with you anyway?" In spite of myself, my voice was rising.

"My name's Jack Barnett." He was still smiling amusedly at me. "And you're here because I wanted to meet you . . .

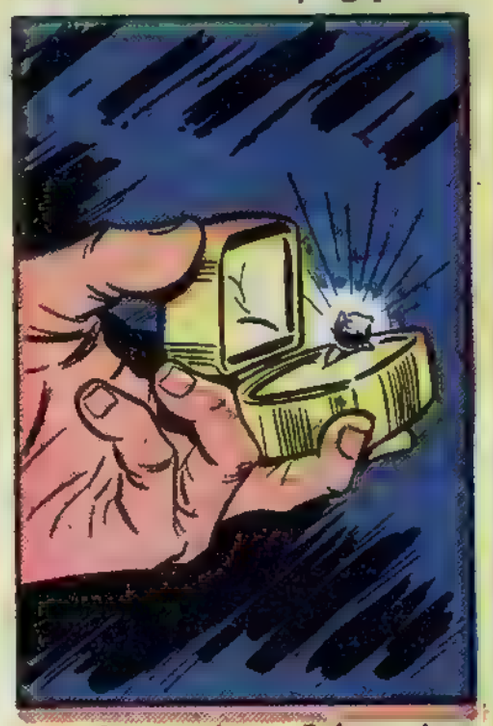
"You see," he went on. "I've been watching you at Hootkin's. It may seem silly, but the first time I laid eyes on you, I decided that you were the girl for me! And you have such good taste in antiques!"

There wasn't a word I could say. I could only listen.

"I've been buying up a few of them myself," he continued. "I have a sort of—a sort of dream of the house I want some day . . ." He laughed apologetically, but my pulse was quickening.

"Go on!" I said.

He looked surprised at my reaction, but he continued, "I guess it seems silly, but I have very definite ideas about how I want to live. None of this machine-made junk for me! And so I started buying pieces,



out of my salary. I have just about everything now, I guess. All I needed was a clock, and that grandfather clock I got last week . . ." He stopped and looked at me, surprised. I was laughing—I simply couldn't stop.

"Oh, this is too good to be true!" I said finally, recovering. "We're really kindred souls, you and I!"

I explained to him about *my* dream, and as I talked, his eyes widened in amazement.

"It's unbelievable!" he said finally, settling back in his seat with a stunned look on his face. Then we both burst into laughter, and after that we couldn't be unfriendly any longer.

He leaned forward. "Now that we're here," he said, "we might as well have some lunch!" There was something about his smile that suddenly set my heart lurching.

"Yes," I agreed, shyly. "We might as well . . ."

As we were finishing our coffee, Jack suddenly burst into laughter. We had become acquainted as fast as two people can, and in some inexplicable way I felt that I had always known him. And yet now I was puzzled by his laughter. We had been talking about our jobs, and our ambitions, and our respective pasts. What could be so funny?

"Jack," I said, "what is it?"

"Oh, it's awful!" he said, still laughing. And then he leaned toward me and attempted a straight face. "What are we going to do with all those extra antiques?" And then once again he went off into gales of laughter.

My face was suddenly very red.

"What are you talking about?" I tried to sound offended, but it was hard—his laughter was so infectious.

Then his face sobered up. His hand reached across the table and found mine.

"I guess I'm being very forward," he said softly, "but if things work out the way they might, the way I hope they will . . ."

I couldn't help it. I guess *I* was the forward one, but I couldn't help it. "You mean that then we'd have two entire housefuls of antiques!" I said, the laughter bubbling up inside me.

He squeezed my hand. "Yes," he said. "If things work out . . ."

And strangely enough, things *have* worked out just that way!

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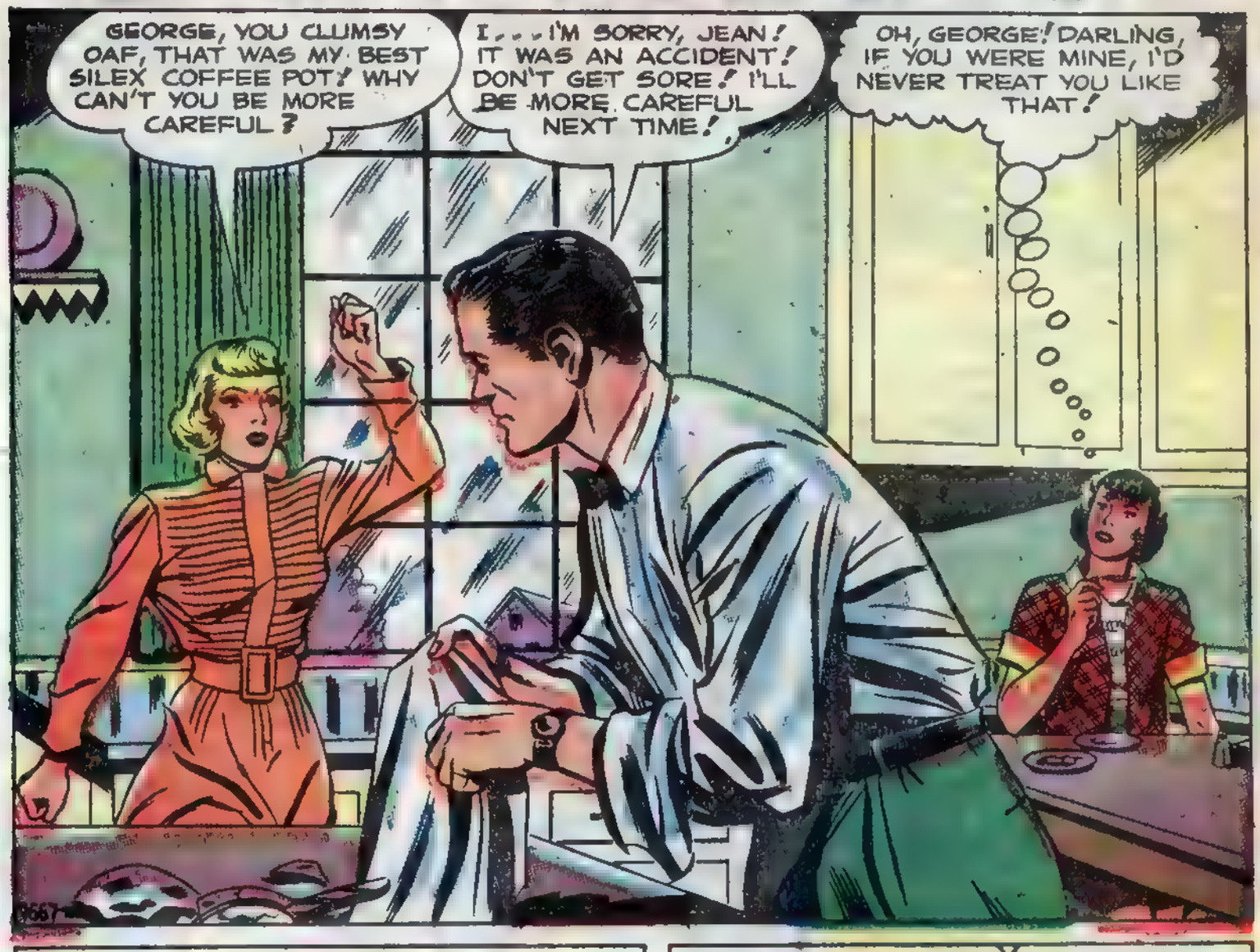
# "The TRUTH CAN HURT"


GEORGE, YOU CLUMSY OAF, THAT WAS MY BEST SILEX COFFEE POT! WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE CAREFUL?
I . . . I'M SORRY, JEAN! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! DON'T GET SORE! I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME!
OH, GEORGE! DARLING, IF YOU WERE MINE, I'D NEVER TREAT YOU LIKE THAT!

BUT GEORGE WASN'T MINE! HE WAS JEAN'S.. AND EVEN THOUGH I WORSHIPPED HIM WITH ALL HIS FAULTS, I COULDN'T STEAL MY BEST FRIEND'S SWEETHEART!
ONE OF THESE DAYS SHE'S GONNA HAVE TO FIND HERSELF A NEW BOY-FRIEND!
OH NO, GEORGE, SHE DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT! JEAN REALLY LOVES YOU!

YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, ELLEN! BUT THAT TEMPER OF HERS.. WOW!
OH, MY DARLING, IF I WERE YOURS I'D KNEEL AT YOUR FEET! I LOVE YOU..GEORGE ...I ADORE YOU!
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HEY, ARE WE GOIN' TO THAT MOVIE T'NITE, BABY?
NO, GEORGE, I'VE GOT ANOTHER DATE! AND I'VE TOLD YOU A HUNDRED TIMES . . . DON'T CALL ME BABY!
THEN GEORGE LOOKED AT ME! I FELT MY HEART POUND . . . AND MY KNEES ALMOST MELTED FROM UNDER ME . . .
HOW ABOUT YOU, ELLEN? LIKE TO GO TO THE BIJOU?
WHY, YES! I'D LOVE TO, GEORGE!
I DON'T KNOW WHY I SAID YES, EXCEPT THAT I WAS FURIOUS AT THE WAY JEAN WAS TREATING THIS SWEET GUY!
Y'KNOW, YOU'RE KINDA SWEET, ELLEN! I'M SO RELAXED WHEN I'M WITH YOU!
OH, I'M SO GLAD!
IN THE DARK HE PUT HIS ARM AROUND ME AND DREW ME CLOSE! IT WAS WRONG . . . I HAD NO RIGHT TO BE WITH GEORGE!
NO . . . STOP, PLEASE! YOU'RE JEAN'S SWEETHEART! IT'S NOT RIGHT!
AW, C'MON ELLEN BABY! JUS' A LITTLE KISS! SHE'LL NEVER FIND OUT!
HIS WORDS STUNG DEEP . . . BRINGING WITH THEM THE REALIZATION OF WHAT GEORGE REALLY WAS . . . A WEAKLING! A MAN WITH NO CHARACTER!
YOU'RE RIGHT! BECAUSE THERE'LL BE NOTHING TO FIND OUT!
OWWW! ELLEN, WAIT! I'M SORRY! LOOK, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL HER, ARE YOU?
SLAP!
NO, I WOULDN'T TELL JEAN! I WAS TOO ASHAMED OF MYSELF . . . TORN WITH A FALSE IDEAL THAT HAD BETRAYED ME! THE TRUTH COULD HURT!
I'LL NEVER HAVE FAITH IN ANOTHER MAN AGAIN!
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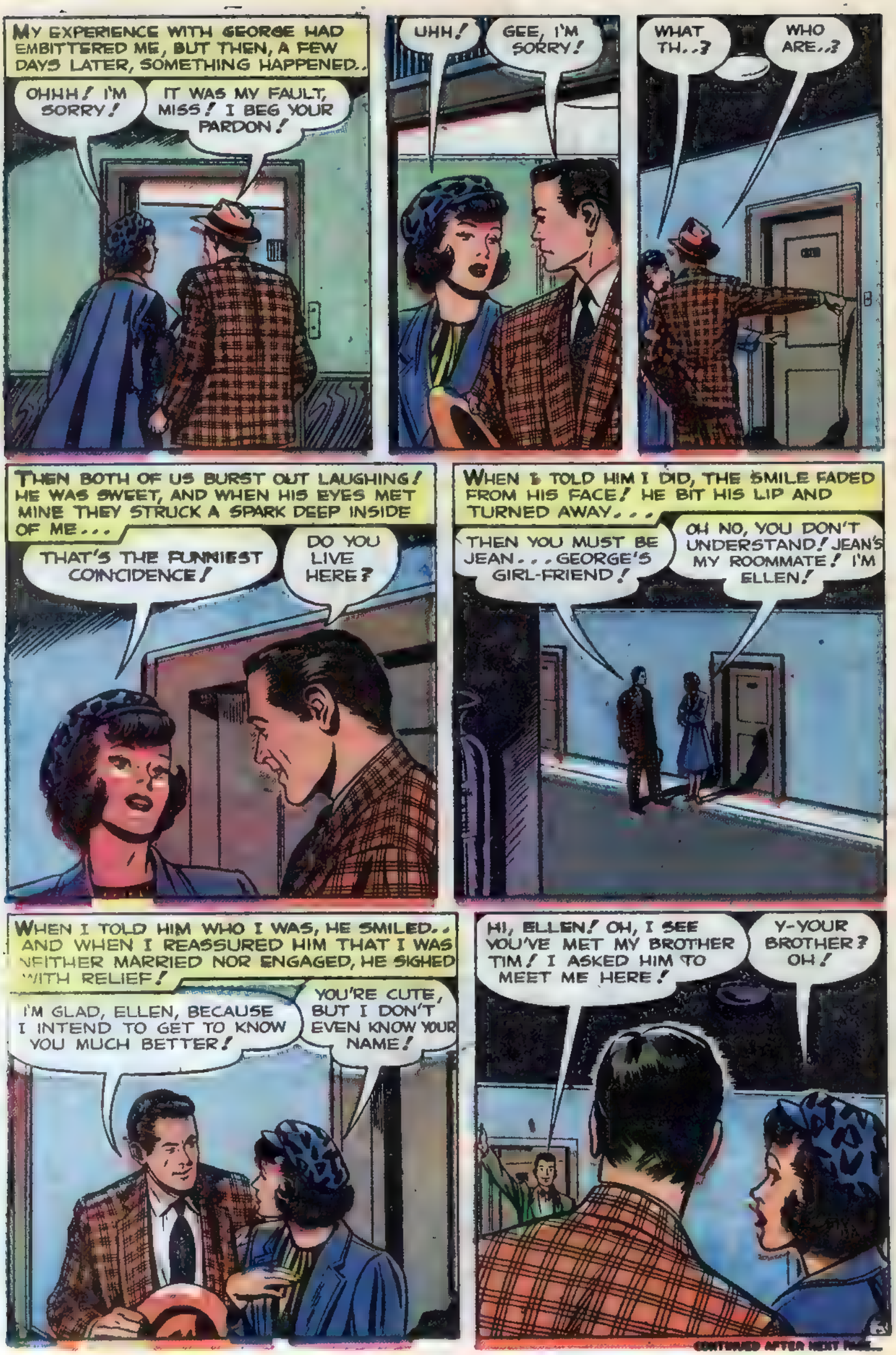
MY EXPERIENCE WITH GEORGE HAD EMBITTERED ME, BUT THEN, A FEW DAYS LATER, SOMETHING HAPPENED..
OHHH! I'M SORRY!
IT WAS MY FAULT, MISS! I BEG YOUR PARDON!
UHH!
GEE, I'M SORRY!
WHAT TH..?
WHO ARE..?
THEN BOTH OF US BURST OUT LAUGHING! HE WAS SWEET, AND WHEN HIS EYES MET MINE THEY STRUCK A SPARK DEEP INSIDE OF ME...
THAT'S THE FUNNIEST COINCIDENCE!
DO YOU LIVE HERE?
WHEN I TOLD HIM I DID, THE SMILE FADED FROM HIS FACE! HE BIT HIS LIP AND TURNED AWAY...
THEN YOU MUST BE JEAN... GEORGE'S GIRL-FRIEND!
OH NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! JEAN'S MY ROOMMATE! I'M ELLEN!
WHEN I TOLD HIM WHO I WAS, HE SMILED.. AND WHEN I REASSURED HIM THAT I WAS NEITHER MARRIED NOR ENGAGED, HE SIGHED WITH RELIEF!
I'M GLAD, ELLEN, BECAUSE I INTEND TO GET TO KNOW YOU MUCH BETTER!
YOU'RE CUTE, BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME!
HI, ELLEN! OH, I SEE YOU'VE MET MY BROTHER TIM! I ASKED HIM TO MEET ME HERE!
Y-YOUR BROTHER? OH!
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# MEDICAL RESEARCH DISCOVERS TREATMENT FOR

# PIMPLES

## Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

*CAUSES OF PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS SEEN THROUGH POWERFUL MICROSCOPE*

### DON'T LET UGLY PIMPLES BLEMISH YOUR PERSONALITY RUIN YOUR CONFIDENCE OR SPOIL YOUR TALENTS!

DO YOU feel your skin is holding back your chances for popularity . . . for success? Are you *afraid* people whom you'd like to know will *reject* you? Thousands of people who felt the same as you—now have clear attractive complexions. They've regained their poise and confidence. You can benefit from their experience!

#### SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REVEALS NEGLECT CAUSE OF MANY SKIN TROUBLES

Skin Specialists and Medical statistics tell us that broken out skin usually occurs from adolescence and can continue on through adulthood. Adolescents often carry these scars throughout their life. Many never get over the "feeling of embarrassment" and are always conscious of their appearance and complexion. Persistent cases of "bad skin" sometimes continue on through adulthood. In this stage of life, the responsibilities of earning a living and meeting people are essential if you are to climb the ladder of success in your job. It is doubly important to give your skin problems *immediate care*. Physicians state that to neglect your skin may prolong your skin troubles and make it more difficult to clear up. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than NOW!

Laboratory analysis using special microscopes gives us the scientific facts regarding those unsightly pimples. High-powered lenses show your skin consists of several outer layers. Projecting through this epidermis, are hairs, the ducts of the sweat glands and the tiny tubes of the sebaceous glands which supply the skin with oil to keep it soft and pliable. Skin specialists will tell you that many skin eruptions can often be traced to an over-secretion, of oil from the sebaceous glands. As a result of this over-secretion, more oil than is normally required by the skin is deposited on the outside of the skin. Unless special care is taken, this excessive oil forms an oily coating which is a catch-all for all foreign matter in the air. When dust, dirt, lint, etc. become embedded into the tiny skin openings and block them up, they can cause the pores to become enlarged and therefore even more susceptible to additional dirt and dust. These enlarged, blocked up pores may form blackheads as soon as they become infected and bring you the worry, despair, embarrassment and humiliation of pimples, blackheads and other externally caused blemishes.

*Illustrated is a microscopic reproduction of a healthy skin*

The sebaceous glands are shown as they project through the many layers of skin. In a normal skin, the openings of the gland tubes are not blocked and permit the oil to flow freely to the outside of the skin.

#### DOCTORS RECOMMEND THIS TREATMENT

Physicians report two important ways to control this condition: First, they prescribe clearing the pores of clogging matter; and second, inhibit the excessive oiliness of the skin.

To help overcome these two conditions, Scope Products' research make available two scientifically-tested formulas that contain clinically proven ingredients. The first formula contains special cleansing properties not found in ordinary cold creams or skin cleansers. Thoroughly, but gently, it removed all surface scales, dried sebaceous matter, dust, dirt and debris—leaving your skin wonderfully soft, smooth and receptive to proper treatment. The second formula acts to reduce the excessive oiliness produced by the overactive sebaceous glands. Its active ingredients also help prevent the spread of infection by killing bacteria often associated with externally caused pimples, blackheads and blemishes.

#### DON'T SPREAD INFECTION BY SQUEEZING PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

*Clinical reports state that many people squeeze out pimples and blackheads with their fingers. This is unsanitary and may lead to the spread of the infection. This abuse may also inflame your skin and leave red welts and ugly looking blotches and bumps. As a result your face may be covered with pimples and blemishes. Soon you'll be sorry you ever squeezed or picked at your skin by using this unscientific method to get rid of skin eruptions.*

#### COVERS UP UNSIGHTLY BLEMISHES WHILE MEDICATION DOES ITS WORK

To remove the immediate embarrassment of skin blemishes, Scope Medicated Skin Formula helps conceal while it medicates! Unlike many other skin preparations, Scope Formula has a *pleasant fragrance!* Imagine! The moment you apply the Scope Treatment to your skin you can instantly face the immediate present with greater confidence in your appearance. At the same time, you are sure that the medication is acting to remove externally caused blemishes and helping to prevent new ones. This "cover-up" action gives you peace of mind. No longer need you suffer from the feeling of self-consciousness or inferiority. Make this your first step in the direction of a clear complexion and skin that's lovable to kiss and touch!

#### SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK

We make this guaranteed offer because so many users of Scope Medicated Skin Formula have written us telling how it helped to clear up their complexion. We want you to try the Scope Double Treatment at *our risk*. Just a few minutes of your time each day can yield more gratifying results than you ever dreamed possible! If you are not delighted in every way by the improved condition and general appearance of your skin IN JUST 10 DAYS, simply return the unused portion and we will refund not just the price you paid — but DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK! You have everything to gain . . . *and we take all the risk!* We want all teen-agers, men and women of all ages to get a fresh, new glowing outlook on life. We want you to be the inviting social personality you might be and to help you reach highest success possible in business. Now you can give yourself new hope and bring back that happy joyous feeling of confidence, poise and popularity!

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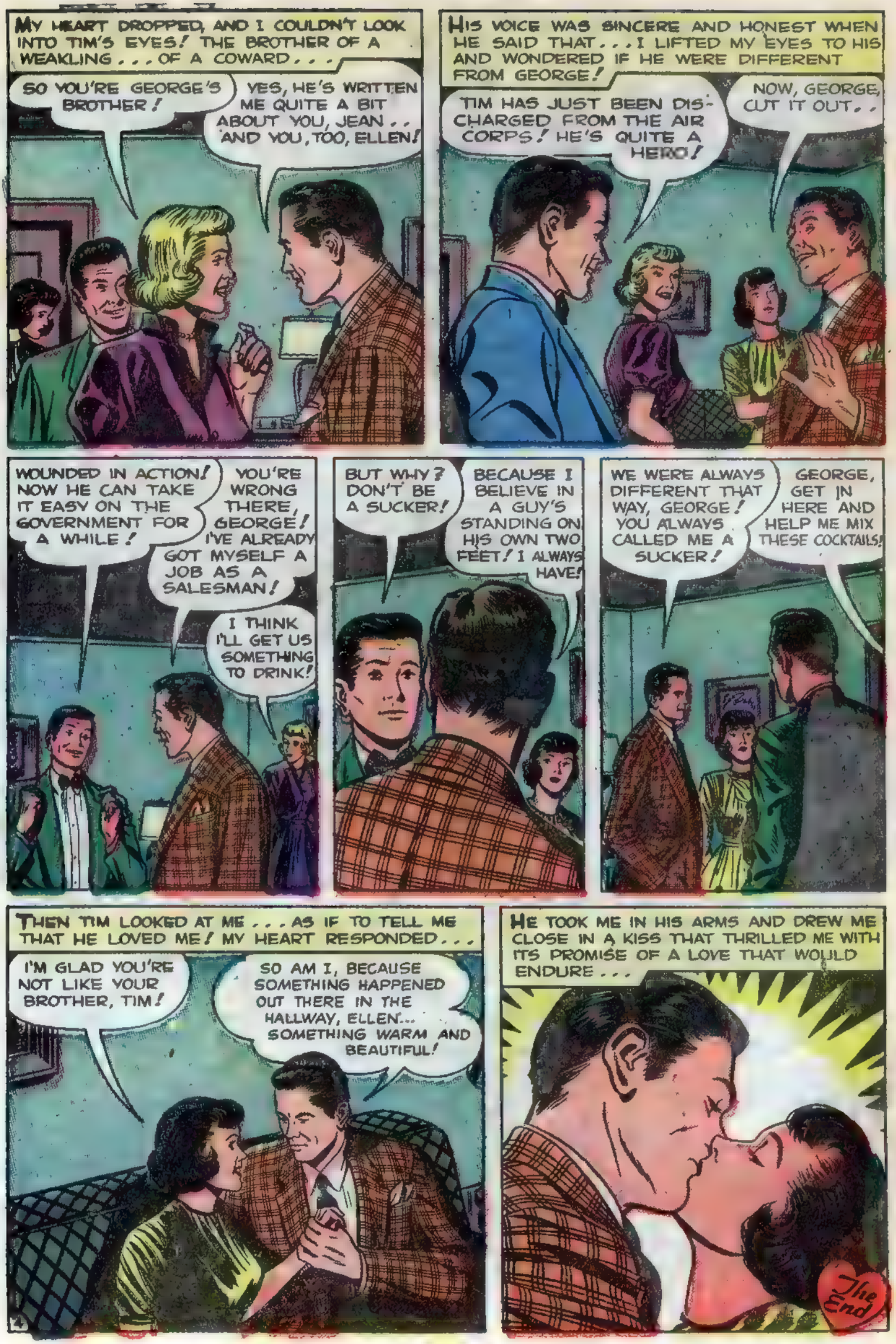
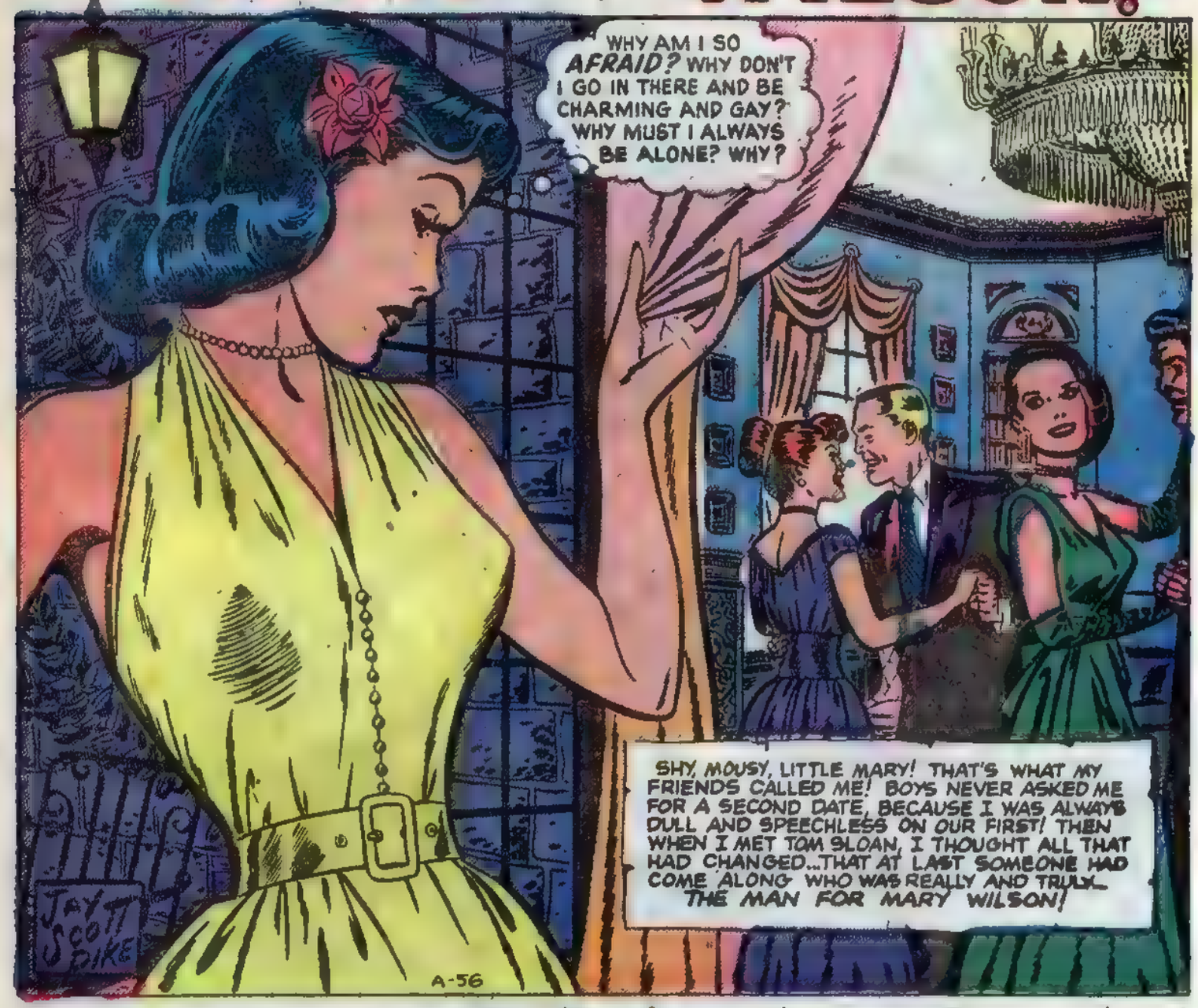

MY HEART DROPPED, AND I COULDN'T LOOK INTO TIM'S EYES! THE BROTHER OF A WEAKLING . . . OF A COWARD . . .
SO YOU'RE GEORGE'S BROTHER!
YES, HE'S WRITTEN ME QUITE A BIT ABOUT YOU, JEAN . . AND YOU, TOO, ELLEN!
HIS VOICE WAS SINCERE AND HONEST WHEN HE SAID THAT . . . I LIFTED MY EYES TO HIS AND WONDERED IF HE WERE DIFFERENT FROM GEORGE!
TIM HAS JUST BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE AIR CORPS! HE'S QUITE A HERO!
NOW, GEORGE, CUT IT OUT . .
WOUNDED IN ACTION! NOW HE CAN TAKE IT EASY ON THE GOVERNMENT FOR A WHILE!
YOU'RE WRONG THERE, GEORGE! I'VE ALREADY GOT MYSELF A JOB AS A SALESMAN!
I THINK I'LL GET US SOMETHING TO DRINK!
BUT WHY? DON'T BE A SUCKER!
BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN A GUY'S STANDING ON HIS OWN TWO FEET! I ALWAYS HAVE!
WE WERE ALWAYS DIFFERENT THAT WAY, GEORGE! YOU ALWAYS CALLED ME A SUCKER!
GEORGE, GET IN HERE AND HELP ME MIX THESE COCKTAILS!
THEN TIM LOOKED AT ME . . . AS IF TO TELL ME THAT HE LOVED ME! MY HEART RESPONDED . . .
I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT LIKE YOUR BROTHER, TIM!
SO AM I, BECAUSE SOMETHING HAPPENED OUT THERE IN THE HALLWAY, ELLEN... SOMETHING WARM AND BEAUTIFUL!
HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS AND DREW ME CLOSE IN A KISS THAT THRILLED ME WITH ITS PROMISE OF A LOVE THAT WOULD ENDURE . . .
The End

# THE MAN FOR MARY WILSON!


WHY AM I SO AFRAID? WHY DON'T I GO IN THERE AND BE CHARMING AND GAY? WHY MUST I ALWAYS BE ALONE? WHY?
SHY, MOUSY, LITTLE MARY! THAT'S WHAT MY FRIENDS CALLED ME! BOYS NEVER ASKED ME FOR A SECOND DATE, BECAUSE I WAS ALWAYS DULL AND SPEECHLESS ON OUR FIRST! THEN WHEN I MET TOM SLOAN, I THOUGHT ALL THAT HAD CHANGED...THAT AT LAST SOMEONE HAD COME ALONG WHO WAS REALLY AND TRULY... THE MAN FOR MARY WILSON!
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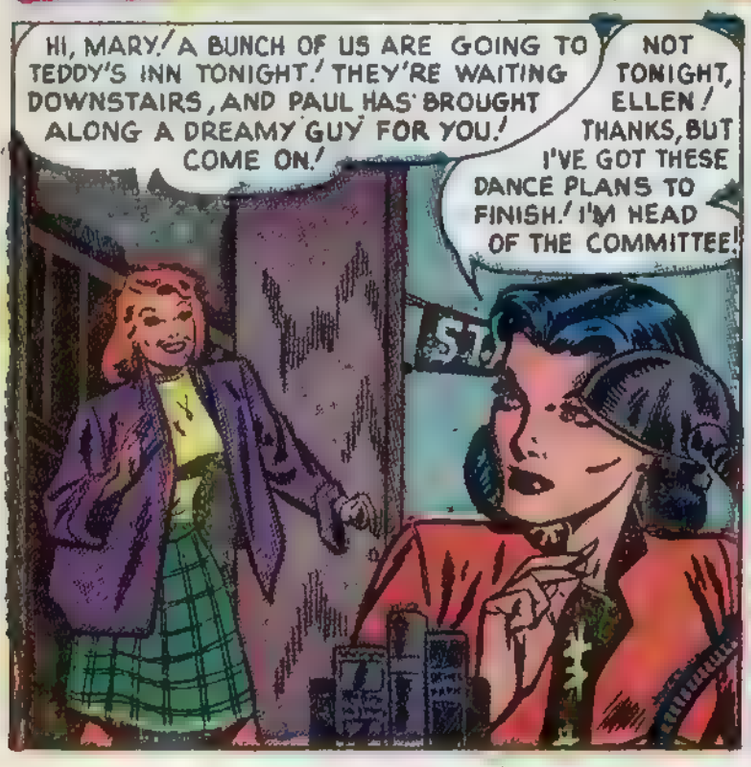
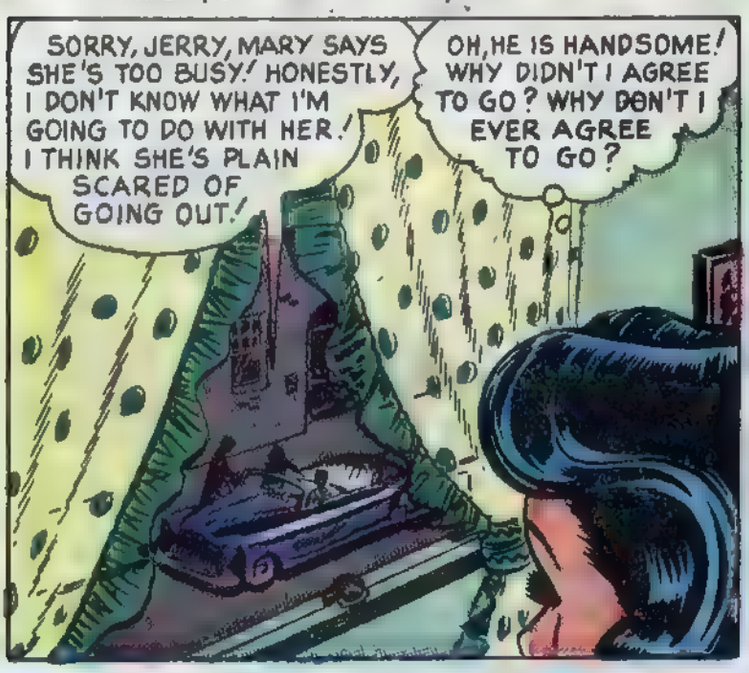

HI, MARY! A BUNCH OF US ARE GOING TO TEDDY'S INN TONIGHT! THEY'RE WAITING DOWNSTAIRS, AND PAUL HAS BROUGHT ALONG A DREAMY GUY FOR YOU! COME ON!
NOT TONIGHT, ELLEN! THANKS, BUT I'VE GOT THESE DANCE PLANS TO FINISH! I'M HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE!

IT CAN WAIT! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, ANYWAY? YOU'RE ALWAYS STUCK AWAY HERE WORKING ON SOME PLAN OR OTHER! DON'T YOU EVER WANT TO HAVE ANY FUN?
SURE I DO, ELLEN! BUT IT'S JUST THAT... THAT I'M SO BUSY, AND DON'T SEEM TO FIND THE TIME!

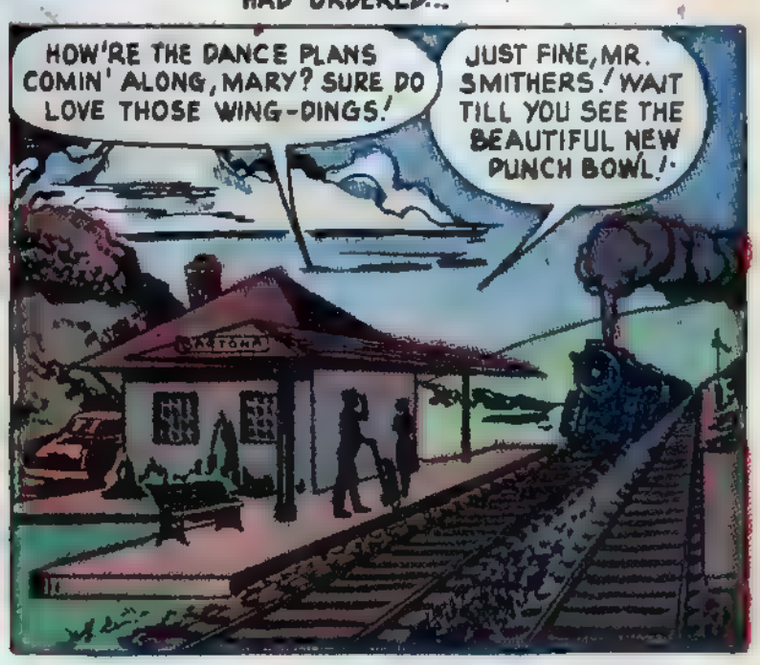
ELLEN TRIED A LITTLE LONGER TO PERSUADE ME TO JOIN THEM, THEN HURRIED OFF! GOING TO THE WINDOW, I GAZED AT THE CAR...


SORRY, JERRY, MARY SAYS SHE'S TOO BUSY! HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WITH HER! I THINK SHE'S PLAIN SCARED OF GOING OUT!
OH, HE IS HANDSOME! WHY DIDN'T I AGREE TO GO? WHY DON'T I EVER AGREE TO GO?

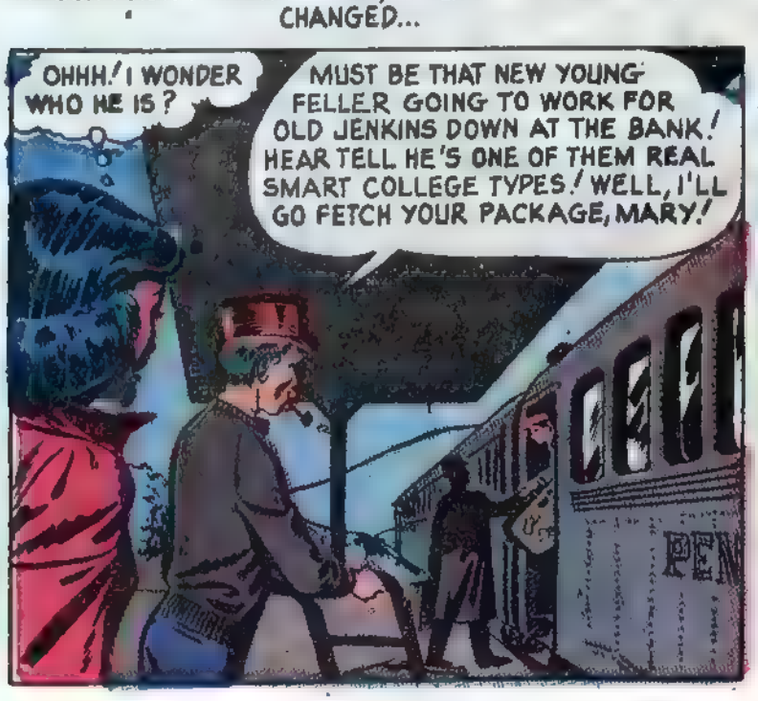
EVEN AS I ASKED MYSELF THE QUESTION, I KNEW THE ANSWER... AND SO DID ELLEN! I WAS SCARED! SCARED, SHY AND STRUCK SPEECHLESS WHENEVER I HAD A DATE!

LONG AGO, I'D LEARNED TO KEEP MYSELF BUSY DOING THE KIND OF JOBS THAT NONE OF THE OTHER GIRLS WANTED TO BE BOTHERED WITH! TENDING TO THE THOUSAND DETAILS OF ORGANIZING THE TOWN DANCES, PICNICS AND OTHER COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHERS!

NEXT MORNING, I HAD TO GO DOWN TO THE RAILROAD STATION TO PICK UP A NEW PUNCH BOWL THE CIVIC CLUB HAD ORDERED...


HOW'RE THE DANCE PLANS COMIN' ALONG, MARY? SURE DO LOVE THOSE WING-DINGS!
JUST FINE, MR. SMITHERS! WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE BEAUTIFUL NEW PUNCH BOWL!
DAYTONA

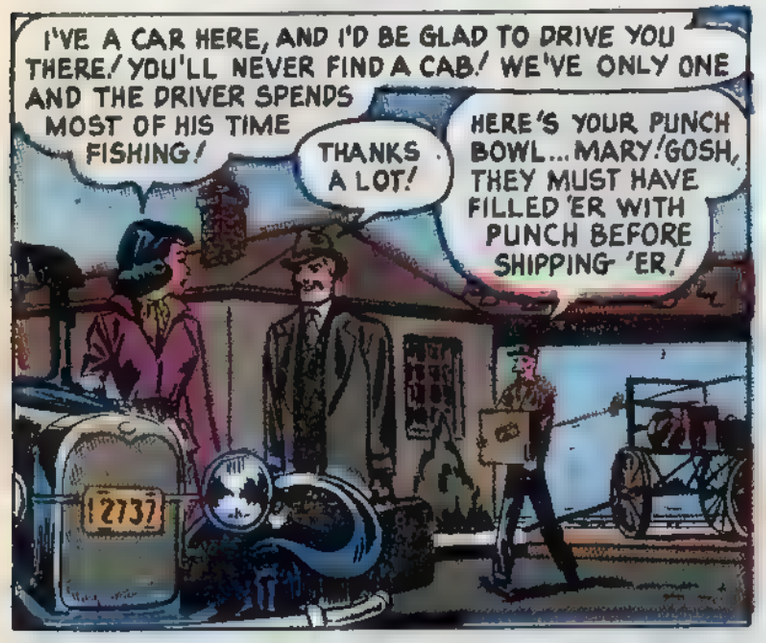
A MOMENT LATER SOMEONE STEPPED FROM THE TRAIN, AND, THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, MY LIFE WAS SUDDENLY CHANGED...


OHHH! I WONDER WHO HE IS?
MUST BE THAT NEW YOUNG FELLER GOING TO WORK FOR OLD JENKINS DOWN AT THE BANK! HEAR TELL HE'S ONE OF THEM REAL SMART COLLEGE TYPES! WELL, I'LL GO FETCH YOUR PACKAGE, MARY!

A MOMENT LATER HE APPROACHED, AND I COULD FEEL THE OLD FAMILIAR PANIC RISING WITHIN ME! BUT AT THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE, DEEP AND WARM, IT DISAPPEARED...

I BEG YOUR PARDON, BUT CAN YOU TELL ME HOW FAR IT IS TO THE BOT'S BOARDING HOUSE?
IT'S PRETTY FAR! I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK IT WITH THOSE SUITCASES...

UNABLE TO BELIEVE MY OWN EARS, I HEARD MYSELF TALKING EASILY AND NATURALLY TO THIS GOOD-LOOKING STRANGER, WHOSE DEEP BLUE EYES SEEMED TO PENETRATE MY OWN...


I'VE A CAR HERE, AND I'D BE GLAD TO DRIVE YOU THERE! YOU'LL NEVER FIND A CAB! WE'VE ONLY ONE AND THE DRIVER SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME FISHING!
THANKS A LOT!
HERE'S YOUR PUNCH BOWL... MARY! GOSH, THEY MUST HAVE FILLED 'ER WITH PUNCH BEFORE SHIPPING 'ER!
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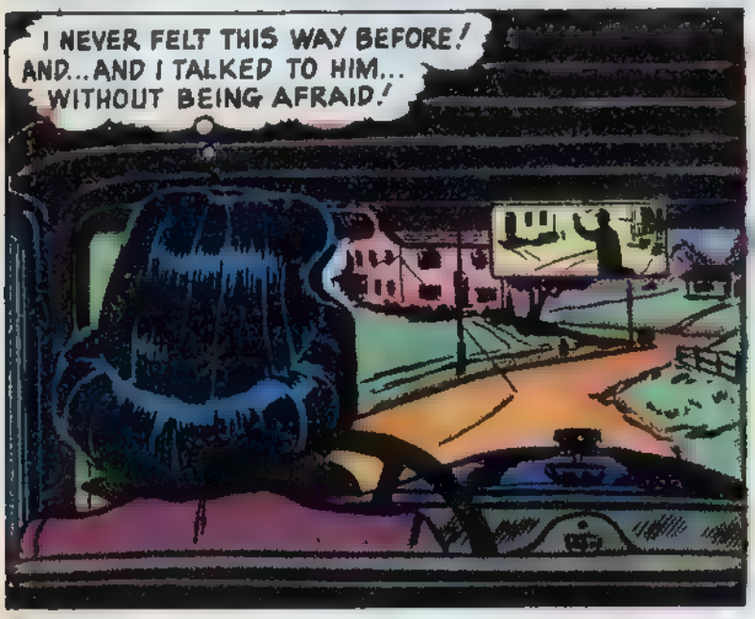
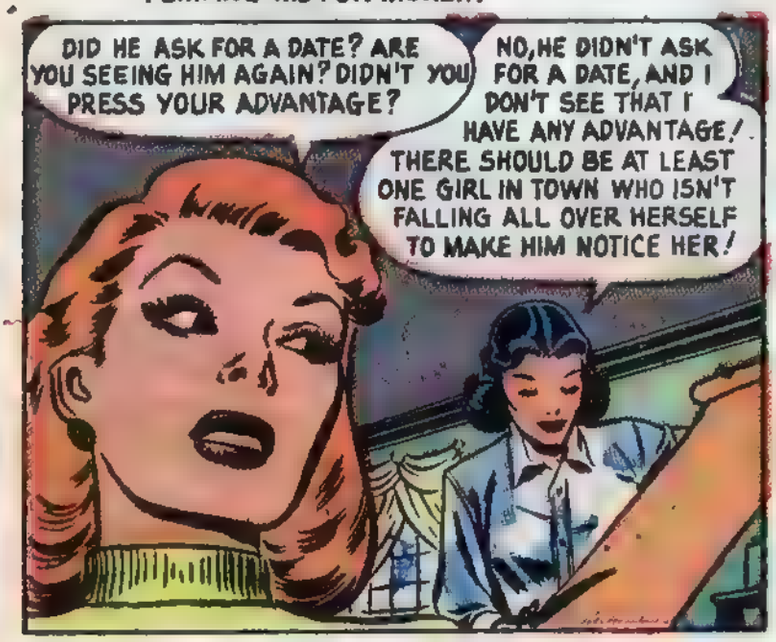
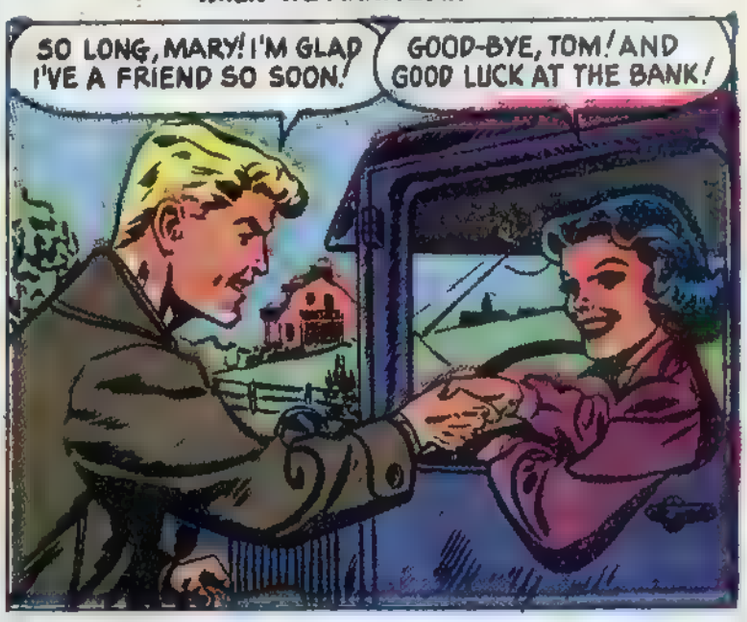
HIS HAND PRESSED AGAINST MINE WAS FIRM AND STRONG! MY FINGERTIPS TINGLED WITH A STRANGE, ELECTRIC THRILL I'D NEVER FELT BEFORE, AND AS I DROVE AWAY, MY HEART POUNDED CRAZILY INSIDE ME...



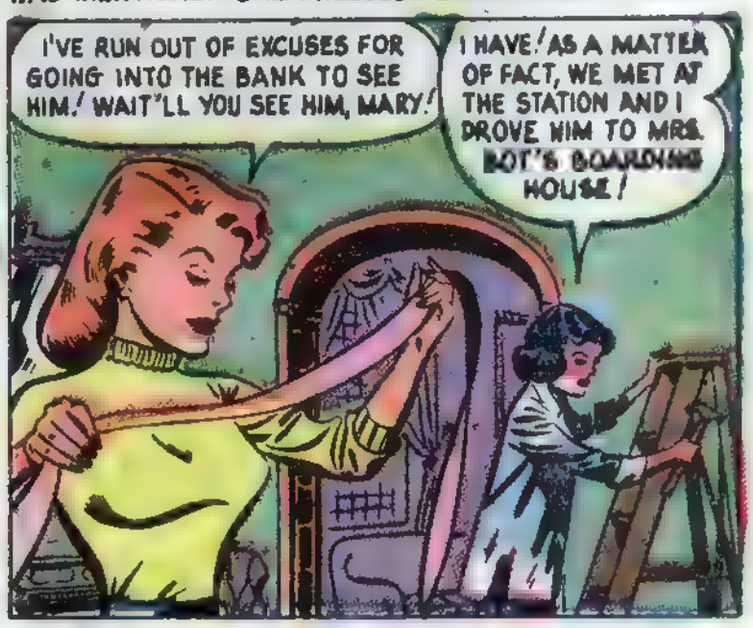

I COULDN'T HELP ENJOYING THE LOOK ON ELLEN'S FACE, AND I KNEW THAT EVERYONE WOULD SOON HAVE THAT CHOICE BIT OF NEWS... ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE BEGAN PUMPING ME FOR MORE...

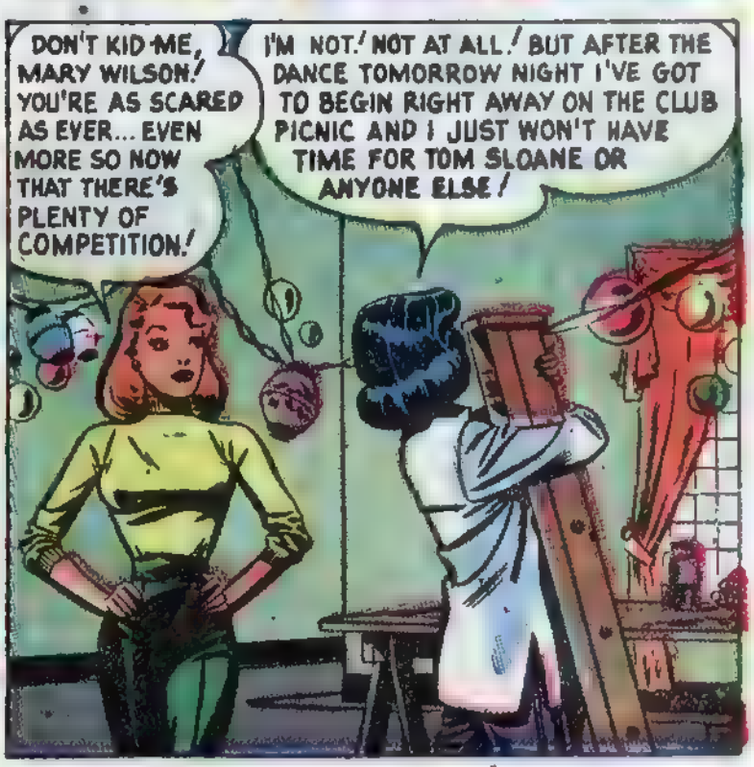

DID HE ASK FOR A DATE? ARE YOU SEEING HIM AGAIN? DIDN'T YOU PRESS YOUR ADVANTAGE?
NO, HE DIDN'T ASK FOR A DATE, AND I DON'T SEE THAT I HAVE ANY ADVANTAGE! THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST ONE GIRL IN TOWN WHO ISN'T FALLING ALL OVER HERSELF TO MAKE HIM NOTICE HER!

DURING OUR DRIVE TO MRS. BOT'S WE INTRODUCED OURSELVES! HIS NAME WAS TOM SLOANE, AND HE WAS COMING TO WORK FOR MR. JENKINS TO GET SOME BANK TRAINING BEFORE GOING EAST TO LIVE! THEN, WHEN WE ARRIVED...




DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, I THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT TOM SLOAN, AND HEARD EVEN MORE! EVERY GIRL IN TOWN HAD GONE CRAZY ABOUT HIM, AND HIS NAME WAS MENTIONED BREATHLESSLY EVERYWHERE I WENT...


I'VE RUN OUT OF EXCUSES FOR GOING INTO THE BANK TO SEE HIM! WAIT'LL YOU SEE HIM, MARY!
I HAVE! AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE MET AT THE STATION AND I DROVE HIM TO MRS. BOT'S BOARDING HOUSE!

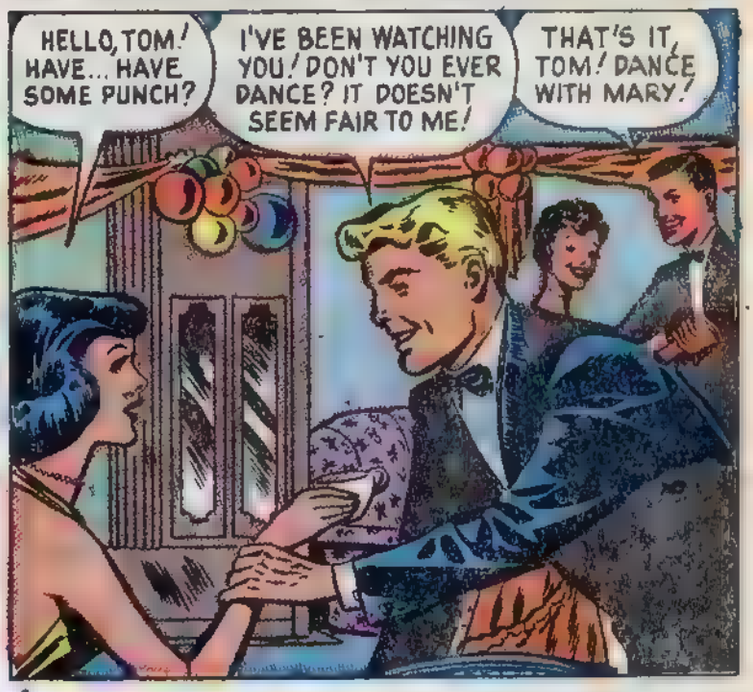

DON'T KID ME, MARY WILSON! YOU'RE AS SCARED AS EVER... EVEN MORE SO NOW THAT THERE'S PLENTY OF COMPETITION!
I'M NOT! NOT AT ALL! BUT AFTER THE DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT I'VE GOT TO BEGIN RIGHT AWAY ON THE CLUB PICNIC AND I JUST WON'T HAVE TIME FOR TOM SLOANE OR ANYONE ELSE!

As usual Ellen was right! I hated the thought of competing with the other girls for Tom's attention, and so I tried to put him out of my mind completely! But next evening when the dance was in full swing...

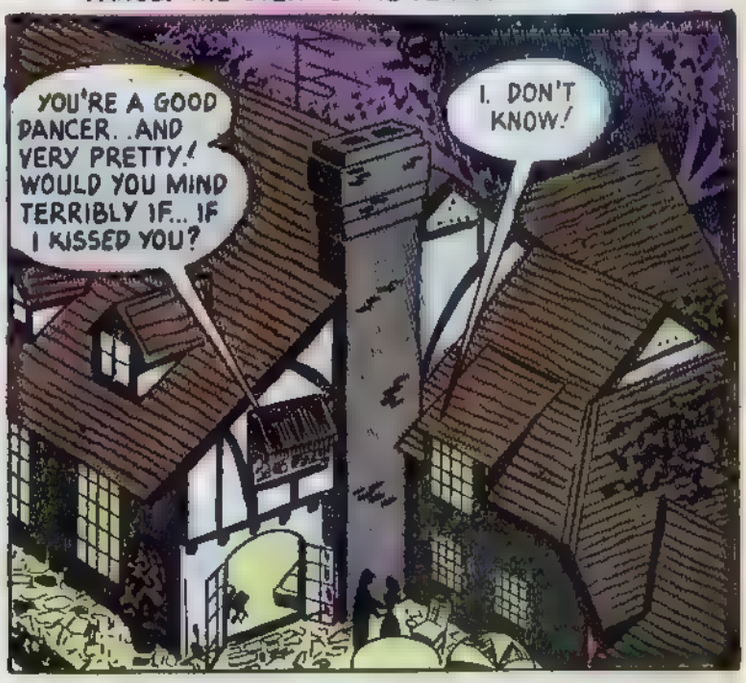
Then, incredibly, I was in his arms, and we were on the dance floor! Holding me close, we glided smoothly along, and his nearness was almost overpowering...

His lips pressed down on mine! For a moment, as he tilted back my head, I caught a glimpse of the stars! Then I closed my eyes, and every star I'd seen exploded in a thousand lights...

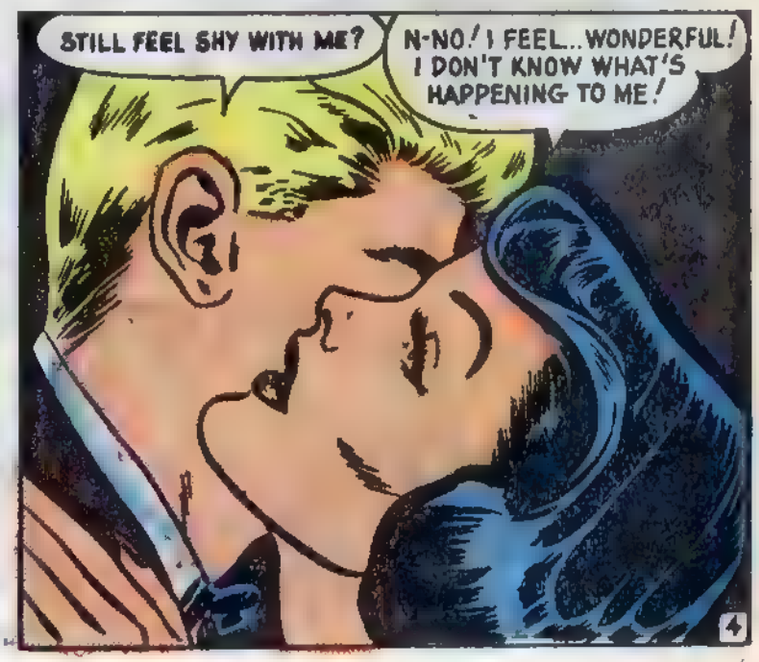
Suddenly he was there, standing before me, smiling that wonderful smile I hadn't been able to forget...


HELLO, TOM! HAVE... HAVE SOME PUNCH?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU! DON'T YOU EVER DANCE? IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR TO ME!
THAT'S IT, TOM! DANCE WITH MARY!

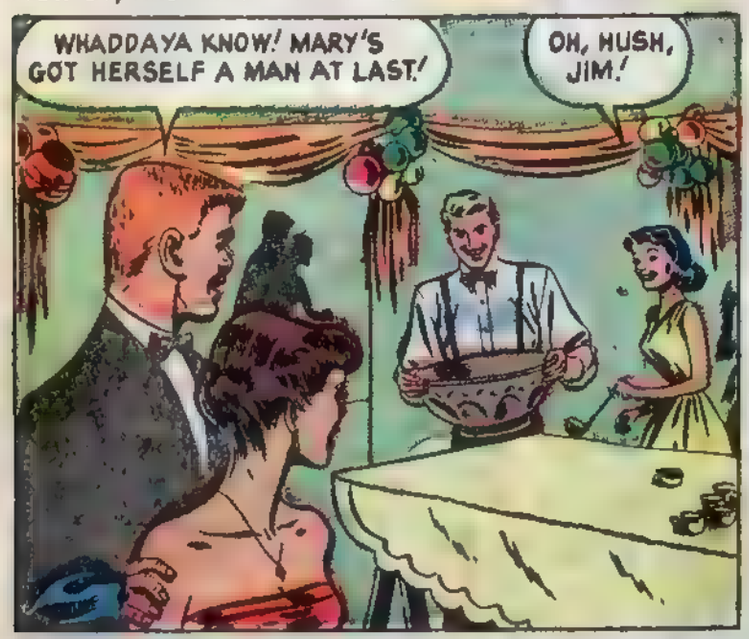
Almost before I knew what was happening, he danced me over to the terrace...



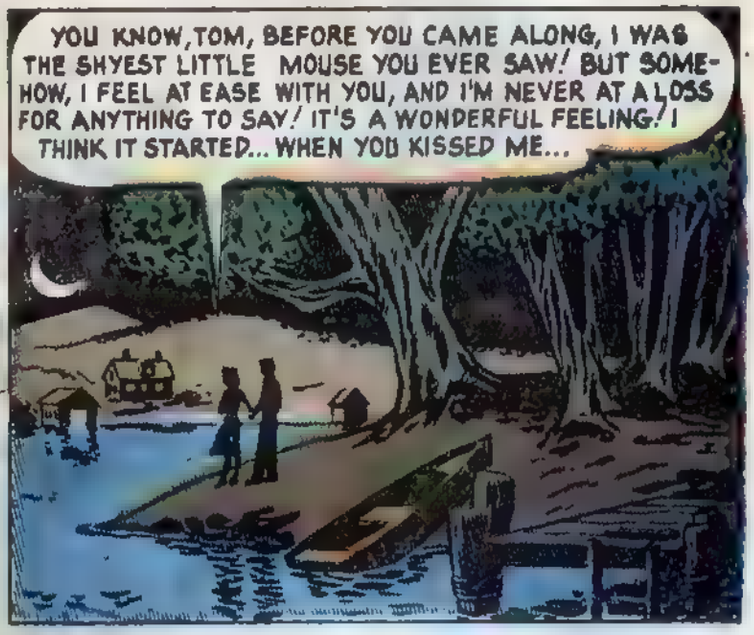

A few moments later, when the world had stopped shaking, I heard Tom murmuring something that I misunderstood. Then...



BUT THAT WASN'T TRUE! MY HEART TOLD ME WHAT WAS HAPPENING... I WAS FALLING IN LOVE... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE! AFTER THAT WONDERFUL KISS, THE EVENING FLEW BY, AND TOM WAS AT MY SIDE EVERY MOMENT...




I KNEW I WAS BLUSHING, BUT I DIDN'T CARE! MY HEART WAS HIGH AND I WAS HAPPIER THAN I'D EVER BEEN BEFORE! I HAD A DATE WITH TOM THE NEXT NIGHT AND THE NEXT...


YOU KNOW, TOM, BEFORE YOU CAME ALONG, I WAS THE SHYEST LITTLE MOUSE YOU EVER SAW! BUT SOMEHOW, I FEEL AT EASE WITH YOU, AND I'M NEVER AT A LOSS FOR ANYTHING TO SAY! IT'S A WONDERFUL FEELING! I THINK IT STARTED... WHEN YOU KISSED ME...

SUDDENLY HE TURNED TO FACE ME, HIS EYES UNHAPPY...

NEXT DAY, I'D ALREADY FORGOTTEN THE INCIDENT, BECAUSE I WAS SO BUSY WITH THE PLANS FOR THE CLUB PICNIC, THE LAST BIG GET-TOGETHER OF THE SEASON...

JANE, YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF THE ICE! THAT MEANS BUYING IT, TAKING CARE OF IT, SEEING WE HAVE ENOUGH, AND SO ON! ELLEN, YOU'LL ARRANGE THE TRANSPORTATION! FIND OUT HOW MANY CARS THERE WILL BE, AND..
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE JUST GOING TO ARRIVE IN STATE WITH TOM!
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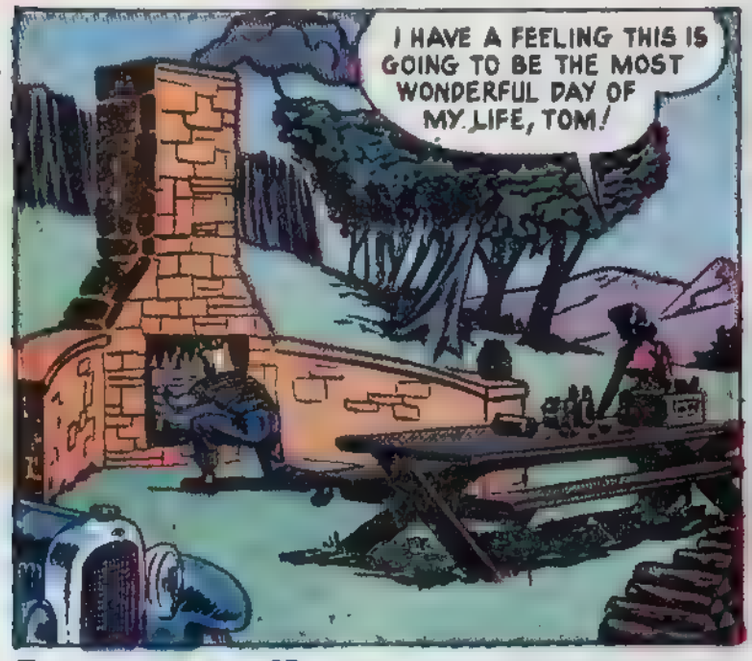
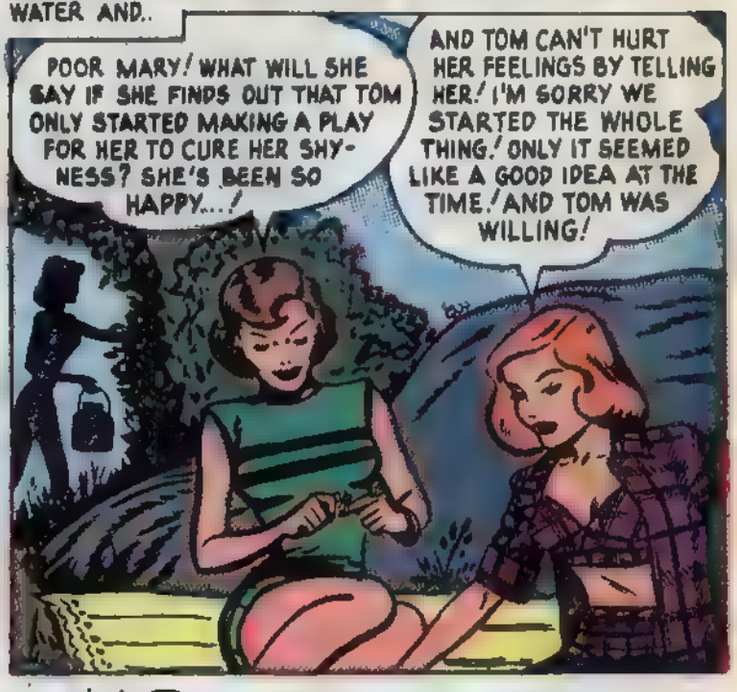
NO, ELLEN, I'LL BE BUSIER THAN ANY OF YOU! BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M GOING TO BE THINKING ABOUT MY OWN GOOD TIME, AS WELL AS EVERYONE ELSE'S!

THERE WAS AN UNCOMFORTABLE SILENCE, AND I SAW A GUILTY LOOK IN ELLEN'S EYES THAT REMINDED ME OF THE ONE I'D SEEN IN TOM'S THE NIGHT BEFORE, BUT I BRUSHED THE THOUGHT ASIDE!

THE DAY OF THE PICNIC TOM AND I DROVE TO THE GROUNDS EARLY! WHILE I SET OUT THE FOOD TOM BEGAN AN ENORMOUS FIRE...




BUT I WAS WRONG, FOR LATER, AFTER EVERYONE ARRIVED, I WENT DOWN TO THE STREAM FOR SOME WATER AND..


POOR MARY! WHAT WILL SHE SAY IF SHE FINDS OUT THAT TOM ONLY STARTED MAKING A PLAY FOR HER TO CURE HER SHYNESS? SHE'S BEEN SO HAPPY...!
AND TOM CAN'T HURT HER FEELINGS BY TELLING HER! I'M SORRY WE STARTED THE WHOLE THING! ONLY IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME! AND TOM WAS WILLING!

ICY FINGERS SEEMED TO GRIP MY HEART! SO IT HAD ALL BEEN A GAME! HUMILIATION SWEPT OVER ME IN GREAT CRUSHING WAVES! AND THEN.. FURY!

NEXT MOMENT, I WAS CONFRONTING ALL OF THEM! THERE WAS DEAD SILENCE THEN...

MY GOOD FRIENDS! SO LITTLE, SCARED MARY WAS TO BE CURED OF HER SHYNESS, WAS SHE? IT WAS ALL A BIG JOKE TO MAKE THE FRIGHTENED THING COME OUT OF HER SHELL! YOUR PLAN WORKED, THANKS TO THE HANDSOME MR. SLOANE!
MARY, WAIT...

BUT I WOULDN'T LISTEN! SOBBING, I TURNED AND RAN, RAN AS FAST AS I COULD, MY HEART AN ENORMOUS STONE WITHIN! SUDDENLY...

YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME! IT WAS A PLAN... AT THE BEGINNING! BUT WHEN I KISSED YOU... I BEGAN TO REALLY FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU! AFTER THAT, I WAS AFRAID TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH!
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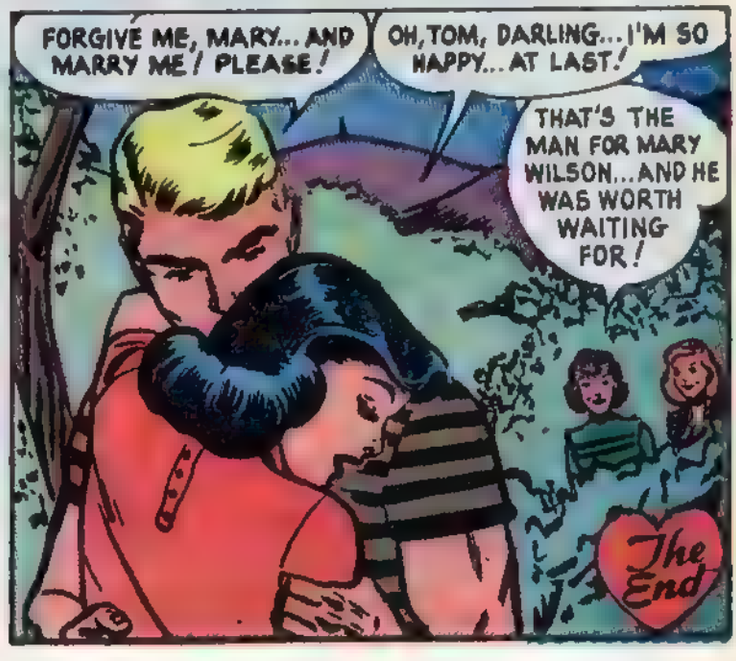
HE KISSED ME THEN... LONG AND TENDERLY... AND I KNEW SUDDENLY THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT... THAT HE DID LOVE ME... AS I LOVED HIM... COMPLETELY!


FORGIVE ME, MARY... AND MARRY ME! PLEASE!
OH, TOM, DARLING... I'M SO HAPPY... AT LAST!
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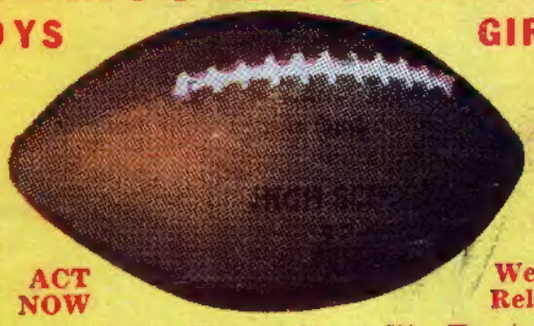

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